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Weekend

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Thursday was another turbulent day on Wall Street.

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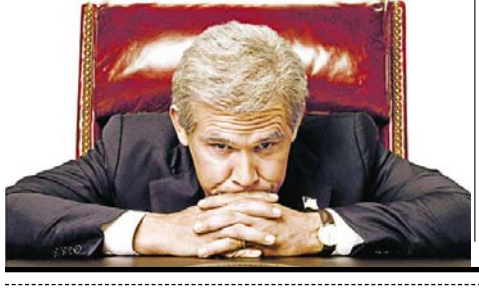

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REACHING OUT: Democrat Barack Obama greets people during a campaign event in Londonderry, N.H. on Thursday, 19 days before the general election.

Race Enters Home Stretch

Obama warns against overconfidence; McCain plays defense

WASHINGTON | Democrat Barack Obama extended his front-running campaign into West Virginia, a bastion of white, middle-class voters who rejected his primary season appeals, and confidently broached the subject of victory in a presidential contest playing out on Republican turf.

GOP rival John McCain found himself looking for a break as he was largely forced to defend his standing in states that President Bush won four years ago.

"We are now 19 days not from the end but from the beginning," Obama told the crowd at a New York fundraiser a day after the final presidential debate. He noted the "extraordinary" work ahead for the next president.

Still, the Democrat warned against getting "giddy or cocky."

"The next president won't have time to get used to the office."

— JOHN MCCAIN

An energized McCain told voters, "Choose well. There's much at stake," as he campaigned in Pennsylvania, one of a dwindling number of Democratic-leaning states the Arizona senator still hopes to put in the GOP column.

With the debates over, both candidates are courting an estimated third of voters who are undecided or could still change their minds. Obama is looking to solidify his advantage in polling in key battlegrounds as the political environment and economic crisis favors Democrats. McCain is trying to change the dynamics, but even Republicans acknowledge it's largely out of McCain's hands. (AP)

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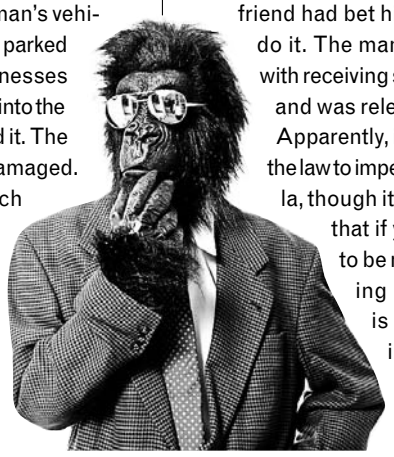
HE MAKES HIS OWN LAWS

He Got Caught When He Turned on the Siren

Police arrested a man in New London, Conn., after he got into an ambulance and drove it a few feet because it was partially blocking his car. Police said a 48-year-old man was charged Thursday with driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, operating a vehicle under a suspended license, interfering with police, and taking a vehicle without the owner's permission. Authorities said the ambulance was parked for an emergency medical call when it partially blocked the man's vehicle, which was illegally parked in a loading zone. Witnesses told police the man got into the ambulance and moved it. The ambulance was not damaged. Perhaps this will teach careless paramedics not to leave the keys in the car, as passers-by are easily induced to do stupid things when circumstances are so easily exploited. (AP, EXPRESS)



BAD DECISIONS

Felon of the Apes

A man who went to buy cigarettes in a gorilla suit to win a bet with his girlfriend is now being accused of receiving stolen property. Police in Altoona, Pa., said they noticed a 20-year-old man walking down the city's Sixth Avenue just after midnight on Wednesday dressed as an ape. Police said that when they stopped the man, they discovered he was wanted for receiving stolen property. They said the man told them he had gone to the convenience store in disguise because his girlfriend had bet him he wouldn't do it. The man was charged with receiving stolen property and was released on bond. Apparently, it is not against the law to impersonate a gorilla, though it can be argued that if you don't want to be noticed, dressing up as a gorilla is not necessarily the smartest step you could take. (AP, EXPRESS)

MICHAEL NAGLE/GETTY IMAGES

ANIMALS

Just You Wait, Hairy Ones

David White thinks this is just an ordinary grand champion sphynx cat, sitting on his shoulder during the 6th Annual CFA Iams Cat Championship at Madison Square Garden. Little does he know that he holds the key to mankind's ultimate destruction. This hairless cat is plotting its revenge against the world because of years of mean jokes about its ugliness. In its spare time, it plays an organ in the basement of an opera house and curses to the skies those blessed with fur. (EXPRESS)

PARENTING

She Failed 'Mom 101'

A mother who took her 12-year-old daughter to a Victorville, Calif., park to fight another youngster has been arrested after allegedly jumping into the fracas. The woman was jailed for investigation of corporal injury to a child. The 31-year-old woman took her daughter to the Mojave Desert park on Oct. 5 to fight another 12-year-old girl. When they arrived, the girls began fighting. Witnesses said the woman intervened when her daughter appeared to be losing. The woman allegedly grabbed the girl's hair and slapped her in the face. (AP)

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DIRTY POLITICS: A man was ticketed for unlawful dumping in St. Cloud, Minn., after admitting to putting dog feces in his neighbor's truck for political reasons. The culprit was a 45-year-old man who was perturbed by the man's John McCain sign in his yard.

Nation

Retirees Get Bump In Benefits

Social Security checks increased 5.8 percent for 50 million people

WASHINGTON | Social Security checks are going up $63 a month for the typical retiree — the largest increase in more than a quarter-century but likely to seem puny to the millions who have been watching in horror as Wall Street lays waste to their retirement nest eggs.

63

The average benefit increase, in dollars, that will be given to the nation's Social Security recipients.

The 5.8 percent increase announced Thursday by the Social Security Administration will go to the 50 million Americans receiving benefits. It is the biggest jump since the 7.4 percent increase of 1982. The $63 typical monthly increase compares to the $24 advance that retirees saw in this year's benefit checks, an increase of just 2.3 percent.

The increase for retirees should help the faltering economy as well, assuming they spend much or all of the additional money.

"It gives people a little extra spending power that they can take to the shopping mall," said David Wyss, chief economist at Moody's Economy.com. MARTIN CRUTSINGER (AP)

Study: Unhappy Eaters Keep Going

Feeling gratification from food could be a key factor in obesity

WASHINGTON | Drink a milk shake and the pleasure center in your brain gets a hit of happy — unless you are overweight.

It sounds counterintuitive. But U.S. scientists who watched young women savor milk shakes inside a brain scanner concluded that when the brain doesn't sense enough gratification from food, people may overeat to compensate.

The small but first-of-a-kind study even could predict who would pile on pounds during the next year: those who harbored a gene that made their brains' yum factor even more sluggish.

"The more blunted your response to the milk shake taste, the more likely you are to gain weight," said Dr. Eric Stice, a senior scientist at the Oregon Research Institute who led the work, published in Friday's edition of the journal Science.

Eating can temporarily boost dopamine levels. Previous brain scans have suggested that the obese have fewer dopamine receptors in their brains than lean people. And a particular gene version, called Taq1A1, is linked to fewer dopamine receptors.

> "The more blunted your response to the milk shake taste, the more likely you are to gain weight."
>
> DR. ERIC STICE

Regardless, most people find a milk shake quite tasty; the brain reaction is subconscious.

But if doctors could determine who carries the at-risk gene, children especially could be steered toward "recreational sports or other things that give them satisfaction and pleasure and dopamine that aren't food," Stice said. LAURAN NEERGAARD (AP)

TRENTON, N.J. | PARENTS PROTEST VACCINE RULE

MEL EVANS/AP

NO SHOT: Health advocate Gary Null, center foreground, addresses a large crowd in front of the Statehouse Thursday during a rally for vaccination choice. As flu season approaches, many New Jersey parents are furious over a first-in-the-nation requirement that small children get a flu shot in order to attend preschools and day-care centers.

EPA Tightens Restrictions on Lead Pollution

WASHINGTON | Three decades after removing lead from gasoline, the Environmental Protection Agency is slashing the amount of the toxic metal that will be allowed in the nation's air by 90 percent.

EPA officials, who were under a federal court order to set a new health standard for lead by midnight Wednesday, said the new limit would better protect health, especially children's health. Children can inhale lead particles released into the air from smelters, mines and waste incinerators and ingest it after it settles on surfaces. Exposure to even low levels of lead early in life can affect learning, IQ and memory in children. (AP)

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Nation

HARD TO SWALLOW: A chef at an Italian restaurant in Clearfield, Pa., ate a 15-pound burger with 5.2 pounds of toppings in four hours, 39 minutes on Monday. Brad Sciullo of Uniontown, Pa., is the first person to successfully eat the huge burger at Denny's Beer Barrel Pub, said pub owner Dennis Liegey.

'Joe the Plumber' an Instant Celeb

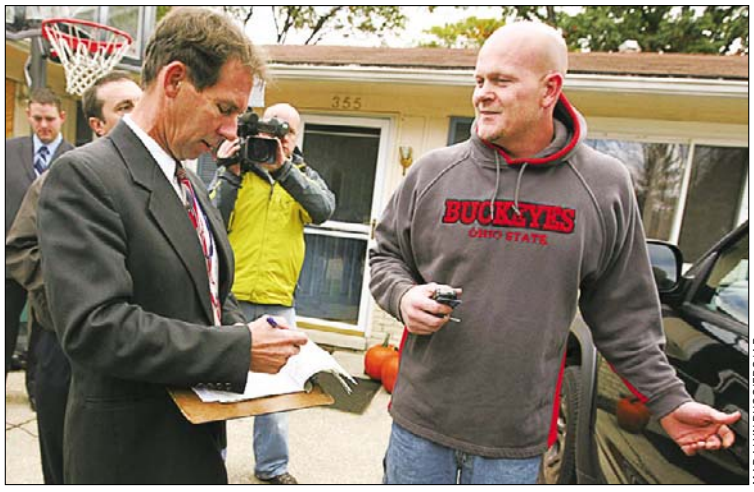
Voter talked about in presidential debate downplays influence

HOLLAND, OHIO | Joe the plumber's story sprang a few leaks Thursday.

It turns out that the man who was held up by John McCain as the typical, hardworking American taxpayer isn't really a licensed plumber. And court documents show he owes nearly $1,200 in back taxes.

"Joe," whose name is Samuel J. Wurzelbacher, was cited repeatedly in Wednesday night's final presidential debate by McCain for questioning Barack Obama's tax policy.

Wurzelbacher instantly became a media celebrity, fielding calls during the debate and facing reporters outside his home near Toledo on Thursday morning for an impromptu nationally televised news conference.



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Samuel Wurzelbacher, or as Sen. John McCain dubbed him during Wednesday's presidential debate, "Joe the plumber," chats with members of the media Thursday.

At the debate, McCain cited Wurzelbacher as an example of someone who wants to buy a plumbing business but would be hurt by Obama's tax plans.

Wurzelbacher had a deal with a clog of two dozen reporters outside his home on a narrow street lined with ranch- and split-level homes Thursday morning. Leaning against his black Dodge Durango SUV, Wurzelbacher at first was amused by it all, then overwhelmed and finally a little annoyed.

"I don't have a lot of pull. It's not like I'm Matt Damon," he said "I just hope I'm not making too much of a fool of myself."

Wurzelbacher said a McCain campaign official contacted him several days before the debate to ask him to appear with the candidate at a Toledo rally scheduled for Sunday.

He told reporters he's unsure if he'll attend, since he's now scheduled to be in New York for TV interviews. JOHN SEEWER (AP)

Sources: FBI Is Investigating ACORN's Work

WASHINGTON | The FBI is investigating whether the community activist group ACORN helped foster voter registration fraud across the nation before the presidential election.

A senior law enforcement official confirmed the investigation to The Associated Press. A second senior law enforcement official says the FBI was looking at results of inquiries in several states, including a raid on ACORN's office in Las Vegas, for any evidence of a coordinated national effort.

Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity because Justice Department regulations forbid discussing ongoing investigations, particularly so close to an election. (AP)

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World

CITY OF THE DEAD: Workers renovating a rugby stadium have uncovered a vast complex of ancient tombs beneath Rome that mimic the houses, blocks and streets of a real city. Culture Ministry officials said Thursday that the area may have been inhabited by the living in the Dark Ages.

In Brief

LUIS ACOSTA/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

People are evacuated after an earthquake in Mexico City on Thursday.

TUXTLA GUTIERREZ, MEXICO

6.5-Magnitude Earthquake Rocks Southern Mexico

A strong 6.5-magnitude earthquake rocked the southern Mexican state of Chiapas on Thursday, shaking homes and prompting people to flee into the streets. The quake was felt across the border in Guatemala and as far south as El Salvador. Mexican and Guatemalan emergency officials said there were no immediate reports of injuries or damage, although they were still investigating. (AP)

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

Afghan Policeman Fires on U.S. Military, Kills 1 Soldier

An Afghan policeman hurled a grenade and opened fire on a U.S. military foot patrol in eastern Afghanistan on Thursday, killing an American soldier and raising fears that insurgents have infiltrated the police. It was the second attack by a policeman on U.S. soldiers in eastern Afghanistan in less than a month. (AP)

Strike Targets Militants in Pakistan

Suspected U.S. attack kills purported foreign fighter in tribal area

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN | A suspected U.S. missile strike killed a purported foreign militant Thursday in a Pakistani tribal area considered a haven for the Taliban and al-Qaeda, while a suicide bombing left four security personnel dead, officials said.

The strike in South Waziristan hit a house overrun with foreign and Pakistani militants since last year, when its owner fled the remote, forested area considered a likely hiding place for al-Qaeda leaders Osama bin Laden and Ayman al-Zawahri, officials said.

Two Pakistani intelligence officials told The Associated Press that reports from informants and field agents suggested one foreign militant died and another foreigner was injured. When asked whether any al-Qaeda leaders had been hit, the officials said Arabs were living in the house but the identities of the victims were not yet clear.

Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief the media publicly.

SHERIN ZADA/AP

A man stands near a police station that was destroyed by a suicide blast in Mingora, Pakistan, on Thursday. Four security personnel were killed in the explosion.

A local resident, Javed Mehsud, said he saw a number of unmanned planes in the sky before and after three explosions destroyed the house in the village of Tapargai.

"I could see smoke rising, but nobody dared go to look because the spy planes were still over our area," he said by telephone.

U.S. military and CIA drones that patrol the frontier region are believed to have carried out at least a dozen strikes against suspected militant targets since August.

The U.S. rarely confirms or denies involvement in the attacks.

Thursday's blast wrecked a police station in Swat, a picturesque valley where fighting has raged for more than a year.

Police said insurgents opened fire on their station in Mingora, Swat's main town, after midnight with guns and rockets before the bomber detonated an explosives-laden vehicle next to the police compound. ZARAR KHAN (AP)

Argentine Pocket Change in Demand

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA | A kiosk owner bribes a bank worker with cookies to break bills. Subway workers let commuters ride free because they can't change their cash.

Argentines are increasingly scrambling to get their hands on pocket change for everyday transactions, as soaring inflation makes the copper and aluminum that coins are made of worth more than their face value. Many suspect profit-seeking hoarders are scooping them up to stow away.

Argentine annual inflation officially hit 8.7 percent in September, but independent economists say the government is lowballing that rate, which they claim is closer to 25 percent.

One peso — worth about $0.31 — now buys so little, it makes more sense to melt down its metal than to save the 20 pesos it would take to buy an average box of chocolates, said economist Diego Giacomini, a consultant at Economia & Regiones in Buenos Aires.

"If there were a 100-peso coin, it wouldn't disappear like we see happening now with smaller coins, because the currency's value would be greater than the value of the metal," Giacomini said. JEANNETTE NEUMANN (AP)

HEARSAY | RESCUES

"The state serves society, and there are moments when the state has to step in."

— **PASCAL COUCHEPIN**, SWISS PRESIDENT, ON SWITZERLAND'S ANNOUNCEMENT THURSDAY OF A NEARLY $60 BILLION BAILOUT OF ITS LARGEST BANK — A DRAMATIC BREAK FROM ASSURANCES THAT THE SWISS SYSTEM WAS IMMUNE TO THE ECONOMIC MELTDOWN.

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World

Zimbabwe Talks Deadlock

Opposition declares power-sharing deal is stalled on all issues

HARARE, ZIMBABWE | The Zimbabwe opposition declared power-sharing talks with President Robert Mugabe deadlocked Thursday, but added it hoped the South African mediator could make progress.

Main opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai walked out after hours of talks Thursday, directing reporters' questions to his spokesman, Nelson Chamisa.

"We have reached a deadlock on all issues," Chamisa said, saying at least 10 Cabinet posts remained in dispute. He said they included the ministries in charge of finance, police and the army — Mugabe is accused of using the latter two institutions to crush dissent.

Mugabe, who left about 45 minutes after Tsvangirai, did not refer to a deadlock but told reporters differences remained and that talks would continue Friday.

The opposition "has got their position; we have got our own position," Mugabe said. "We're always defending our position."

He did not elaborate.

The opposition has repeatedly accused Mugabe of trying to hold onto too many key posts in the 31-member Cabinet agreed to in a Sept. 15 power-sharing deal.

Without a political agreement, Zimbabwe has been rudderless as its economy collapses.

Protesters gathered outside the hotel where negotiators met Thursday, calling on the leaders to put their differences aside and begin addressing such issues as inflation and growing hunger. ANGUS SHAW (AP)

DESMOND KWANDE/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Women protest inside the hotel where talks between Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe and opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai took place on Thursday.

LONDON | HIGH-TECH HIGHNESS

ADRIAN DENNIS/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

BROADCASTING HERSELF: Britain's Queen Elizabeth II uploads a video to YouTube's Royal Channel alongside Chad Hurley, center, co-founder of YouTube, and Nikesh Arora, left, the president of Google Europe, Middle East and Africa, during a visit to Google's U.K. headquarters on Thursday.

10 Nations Unite In Campaign vs. Somali Pirates

NAIROBI, KENYA | With U.S. warships surrounding a hijacked vessel laden with tanks, and a half-dozen other gunboats patrolling the dangerous waters off Somalia, pirates seized a Philippine cargo ship this week — flouting the international effort to protect a major shipping lane.

Military vessels from 10 nations are now converging on the world's most dangerous waters, but analysts and a Somali government official say the campaign won't halt piracy unless it also confronts the quagmire that is Somalia.

"World powers have neglected Somalia for years on end, and now its problems are touching the world; they have started on the wrong footing," said Bile Mohamoud Qabowsade, adviser to the president of Puntland, the Somali region that is the pirates' base.

The pirates are holding a dozen ships for ransom. MICHELLE FAUL (AP)

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Money

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Specialist Peter Mazza works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Thursday. The Dow Jones industrials ended up 400 points after falling 380 early in trading.

Wall Street Sees Another Wild Rally

Dow Jones industrials close up 400 points in volatile day of trading

NEW YORK | Wall Street turned in another stunning finish Thursday and extended its unprecedented streak of volatility — this time, to the upside — as investors spent a fractious session again struggling with fears about a recession but giving in to a last-hour wave of buying. The Dow Jones industrials ended up 400 points, after falling 380 in the opening minutes of the session.

It is clear that investors are reacting in the extreme to any negative economic news, including disappointing numbers Thursday on industrial production that sent stocks skidding. But traders are also responding to the market's own dynamics, and when there was no late-session plunge, as there was on Wednesday, buyers piled in before the close.

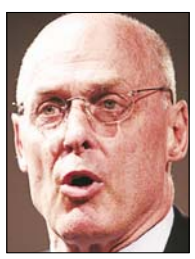
Analysts expect the volatility to continue and warned that just as Monday's huge 936-point surge in the Dow was overdone, there was little reason to trust Thursday's gains would hold.

"We're going to continue to see volatility. You're not going to see 50-point ranges; you're going to see two-, three-, four-hundred-point ranges," said Woody Dorsey, president of Market Semiotics.

According to preliminary calculations, the Dow rose 401.35, or 4.68 percent, to 8,979.26.

Broader stock indicators also jumped. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 38.59, or 4.25 percent, to 946.43, and the Nasdaq composite index rose 89.38, or 5.49 percent, to 1,717.71. TIM PARADIS (AP)

HEARSAY | MARKET MISTAKES



"We're not proud of all the mistakes that were made by many different people ... [and the] failures of market discipline that got us here."

—**HENRY PAULSON**, TREASURY SECRETARY, IN AN INTERVIEW ON THE FOX BUSINESS NETWORK. PAULSON SAID HE HAS "NO REGRETS" ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO HELP THE ECONOMY.

1,000 | **The official price, in dollars,** the NFL is charging for 25 percent of the tickets to this year's Super Bowl in Tampa, Fla., the first time prices have hit four dig-

Money

GM to Lay off 1,600 People

U.S. automaker scales back production at factories in Del., Mich.

PAUL SANCYA/AP

Detroit-based General Motors has lost $57.5 billion in the past 18 months and is struggling to stay afloat. The automaker's stock is currently at $6.40 per share.

DETROIT | Another 1,600 workers at three General Motors Corp. factories will be laid off indefinitely over the next few months as the company tries to control its inventory amid a worsening U.S. sales slump.

About 700 workers at GM's pick-up truck plant in Pontiac, Mich., will be furloughed starting Feb. 1, while another 500 at the Detroit-Hamtramck sedan factory will be laid off starting Jan. 12, spokesman Chris Lee said Thursday. In addition, 400 workers at a two-seat sports car assembly plant in Wilmington, Del., also will be out of work starting Dec. 8.

George McGregor, president of United Auto Workers Local 22 at the Detroit-Hamtramck plant, said the union has known about the lay-offs for a while but didn't know the exact number.

"We don't know when the return date will be. We are just holding on," said the 62-year-old, who has been a GM employee for 41 years. "We had a lot of people who retired early. With what's left now, we are just holding on, taking it day to day, year to year."

GM is burning through more than $1 billion in cash per month and analysts say it may reach the minimum amount of money to run the company sometime next year. GM's sales are down 18 percent, and the company has lost $57.5 billion in the past 18 months, largely because of tax accounting changes. GM shares closed up 18 cents, or 2.9 percent, at $6.40. TOM KRISHER (AP)

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Local

Md. Examines Early Voting

Proposed amendment would allow ballots to be cast 2 weeks early

ANNAPOLIS, MD. | While a contested constitutional amendment to legalize slot machine gambling is grabbing attention in Maryland, voters statewide will also decide a little-discussed ballot question on Election Day: whether to allow early voting.

The proposed constitutional amendment would enable the General Assembly to enact legislation permitting qualified voters to cast their ballots up to two weeks before an election. About 30 states allow early voting, but a Maryland law that did so was struck down by the state's highest court in 2006.

The ballot measure would also make it possible for lawmakers to pass legislation allowing people to vote outside of their election districts, an issue raised when the court struck down the previous law. Qualified voters also could be permitted to use absentee ballots even when they are not going to be absent or ill.

Dyson

Early voting has been spreading nationwide. In 2004, 22 percent of voters nationally cast an early presidential ballot, compared with 16 percent in 2000.

Supporters say more convenient voting would increase turnout.

Sen. Roy Dyson, D-St. Mary's, said the longer voting period would give people who make long commutes to work more opportunity to vote — a problem in Dyson's home county, a Washington, D.C., exburb. A two-week voting period also would make inclement weather on Election Day less of a factor, Dyson said. On Maryland's Feb. 12 primary, ice snarled traffic and prompted elections officials to keep the polls open an extra 90 minutes.

But critics say allowing people to vote outside their precincts creates potential for voter fraud.

BRIAN WITTE (AP)

WASHINGTON | REMEMBERING THE MARCH

HAMIL R. HARRIS/TWP

RALLY FOR CHANGE: Thirteen years after the Million Man March at the U.S. Capitol, community leaders, neighborhood groups and marching bands paraded through Southeast D.C. to keep the spirit of the historic event alive. Ron Moten, co-founder of the Peace-a-holics, organized Thursday's event.

Developer Picked For Brentwood Condo Project

Even as a searing credit crunch slows construction across the region, District officials Thursday announced the selection of a developer to turn a vacant building into a mix of market-rate and affordable housing.

At a news conference, Mayor Adrian Fenty and community leaders vowed that the 26-unit condominium project would inject new life into a long-dilapidated patch of 14th Street in Brightwood, just south of Walter Read Army Medical Center.

Fenty said Blue Skye Development's project is among a smattering of new ones along the Georgia Avenue corridor. PAUL SCHWARTZMAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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PHOTOS FROM MUSEO ARCHEOLOGICO NAZIONALE DI NAPOLI/TWP

WALL ART: These fresco murals in villas around Naples were preserved for hundreds of years and still feature vibrant colors.

The Villa People

Frescoes from Naples will soon be displayed at the National Gallery

A rickety turnstile stands between the not-very-distinguished city of Castellammare di Stabia, 19 miles south of Naples, and Stabiae, the name attached to a cluster of villas built by wealthy Romans more than 2,000 years ago. Walking through the ineffective barrier between the two, as I did in July, feels like a trip back to the first century B.C., when Stabiae became a resort town. Putting aside the discomfort of walking on a dusty, unpaved lane in sandals that seem to attract rather than repel stones, discovering where and how patrician Romans spent some of their leisure time is the kind of sightseeing people who love art and history live for.

With its stunning views of the Bay of Naples and nearby Mt. Vesuvius, Stabiae was a playground for the glitterati of the day. Arriving by boat, they came to exercise their bodies and their minds, to talk about art and philosophy, and to enjoy the good weather, the view and locally made wine. But the end to all that came suddenly and dramatically with the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius on Aug. 24 in the year A.D. 79. A.D. Stabiae and the nearby cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum and were buried under volcanic ash for almost two millennia.

The entire area remained untouched like a time capsule until 1748, when engineers and soldiers were hired by the ruling Bourbon kings to find the hidden city of Pompeii. They dug tunnels and very narrow trenches and were rewarded by finding not Pompeii — not at first, anyway — but Stabiae's Villa of San Marco, the Villa of Arianna and evidence of other homes of up to 200,000 square feet each, which tells us plenty about the wealth of their owners.

When the real Pompeii was unearthed three miles to the north, around 1750, the king did not have enough manpower to explore both sites at the same time. Attention and workers were diverted to Pompeii, which had long overshadowed Stabiae as a port. Stabiae's tunnels and trenches were reburied under dirt in order to avoid weather damage and looting. The site remained closed and all but forgotten for another 200 years.

In 1950, Libero d'Orsi, a local high school principal, took it upon himself, with help from the school's janitor, to learn more about ancient Stabiae. Working with their bare hands, they found astonishingly well-preserved remnants of villas. Because the villas had been tightly sealed, they had not been exposed to sun or rain. And because technology required for excavation had improved greatly since the 18th century, the frescoes had maintained their original colors of red, black, white, yellow and pale green; the mosaics had kept their sharply contrasting black and white.

As I strolled around Stabiae, I loved turning a corner and being startled by the clarity of the murals' pastoral scenes, painted on walls, some with perspective. Because excavations are still ongoing, a visitor can watch diggers painstakingly sift through 2,000-year-old ash, under a canopy to shade them at least partially from the punishingly hot sun.

Many of Stabiae's frescoes and mosaics are on loan to the National Gallery of Art in Washington for the exhibit "Pompeii and the Roman Villa: Art and Culture Around the Bay of Naples," from Oct. 19, 2008 through March 22, 2009. The exhibit will also be at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art from May 3 to Oct. 4, 2009.

SUSAN DAVIDSON (SPECIAL TO THE WASHINGTON POST)

for more ...

SUNDAY IN THE POST

To read more about the artworks in the National Gallery of Art's new exhibit, "Pompeii and the Roman Villa: Art and Culture Around the Bay of Naples," see Sunday's Travel and Style & Arts sections.

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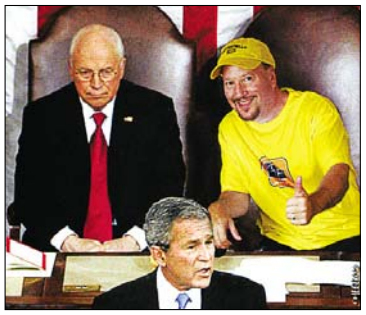

Seats of Power

An ordinary Joe vies to sit in Washington's most coveted chairs. On the way, he gets a better understanding of the way the capital of the free world works. **THE MAGAZINE**

Opium Wars

Indian novelist Amitav Ghosh brings to life the subcontinent at the height of the Raj, complete with British attempts to force the opium trade on China. **BOOK WORLD**

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For those who write love songs to their pets, we offer a contest. May the best balladeer win. **SUNDAY SOURCE**

On the Wagon

You can call it a station wagon or a crossover vehicle. Warren Brown says the new Volkswagen Tiguan is a good ride. **CAR PAGES**

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From cryptic teases to outright silence: how TV writers build advance buzz for their shows. **TV WEEK**

BASEBALL PLAYOFFS

Brotherly Love: Philadelphia sports fans revel in another shot at a championship after the Phillies' victory in the NLCS. | 18

Sports Weekend

EVAN VUCCI/AP

Clinton Portis started his career in Washington with a 64-yard touchdown run. Since then, he's been forced to take smaller runs while continuing to pile up lots of yardage.

The Running Man

NFL rushing leader Portis has learned to fight for every yard

REDSKINS | Clinton Portis is happy to hit you. He's happy to make you miss. And he's happy to take the five yards you just gave him. It's all part of his plan.

Behind talk about his role and the costumes he occasionally breaks out, it turns out that nothing makes Portis happier than winning football games.

"I think I have always been the same running back. I just think that I'm back to having an opportunity to showcase my talents," the Redskins tailback said. "I've said all time that I believe that Coach Gibbs was probably the best thing to happen to me because he taught me to be humble and to appreciate every yard."

Portis scored a 64-yard touchdown on the first play of his Redskins career. But that type of explosiveness turned into an anomaly under Gibbs' grinding offense.

The scheme may have frustrated him and his teammates in the past two years, but it seems to have instilled in Portis the mindset and the offensive line needed to thrive in head coach Jim Zorn's new system.

When Zorn came to town, he kept some of the basics of the last regime's zone running tactics, which he surmised that the Redskins would be able to use to frustrate teams once they upgraded their passing game.

"I've been waiting a long time for 27-yard runs, and now that they are coming, I'm sure the big runs are going to come," Portis said. "I have to be patient and continue to take advantage of the 20- [and] 30-yard runs that I do get, and soon enough the big one is going to come."

But for now, the medium-sized runs are adding up. Portis enters Week 7 as the NFL's rushing leader, netting 643 yards on 136 carries and six touchdowns.

"That's a pretty amazing feat [to lead the league in rushing]," Zorn said. "He is doing extremely well."

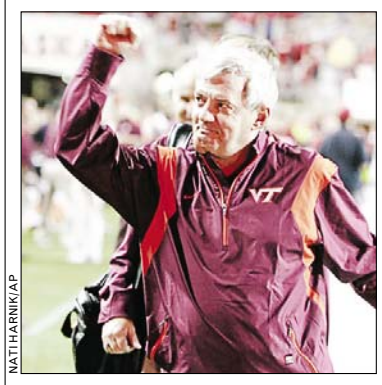
ERIC BRANDNER

THE KEEP-AWAY GAME

If the Redskins needed any reinforcement about how much turnovers hurt, all they had to do was flip on this week's "Monday Night Football" game.

➜ After Washington's offense gave the ball away for the first three times this season in a 19-17 loss to St. Louis, Washington players saw Eli Manning throw three picks in New York's 35-14 loss to Cleveland, which visits FedEx Field on Sunday. The Giants and Redskins each posted an impressive 181 yards on the ground in Week 6, but three turnovers each was too much to overcome. The Redskins, however, are still tied for third in the NFL with a plus-4 turnover margin. "[Cleveland] played with a lot of intensity and a lot of emotion," Redskins quarterback Jason Campbell said. "They were creating turnovers, and I think that they were able to have big plays on offense." E.B.

TV Lineup



NATI HARNIK/AP

Frank Beamer's Hokies put their winning streak on the line at BC Saturday.

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3:30 P.M. Maybe the Wizards will score one of the first 18 points in this preseason game against the Hornets in Barcelona. ESPN Classic

8 P.M. When former BCS Cinderellas meet, No. 15 Boise State aims to avenge last year's loss to Hawaii. ESPN

8 P.M. The Maryland basketball teams participate in Midnight Madness from the Comcast Center. CSN

9 P.M. Georgetown's basketball team begins life without Roy Hibbert at its Midnight Madness. ESPNU

saturday

NOON Was two weeks enough time for the Terps to recover from their 31-0 loss to Virginia? They'll find out this weekend when they meet No. 21 Wake Forest in College Park. My20

7 P.M. Alexander Ovechkin and the Caps take on the New Jersey Devils at Verizon Center. CSN

8 P.M. The Texas Longhorns beat the top-ranked team last week, and No. 11 Missouri will try to follow in their footsteps this week against the new No. 1 — Texas. ABC

8 P.M. No. 17 Virginia Tech has won five games straight. It takes on 4-1 Boston College. ESPN2

sunday

1:30 P.M. Jimmie Johnson leads the Sprint Cup Series heading into Sunday's race at Martinsville. ABC

8 P.M. The 1-4 Seattle Seahawks could suffer their first loss ever at Tampa Bay. NBC

WORLD SERIES | **The Obama Factor** Major League Baseball has agreed to push back the start time of a potential World Series Game 6 by eight minutes to allow Democrat Barack Obama to purchase a half-hour of airtime on the Fox network. Baseball spokesman Pat Courtney said

Thursday that the game time would now be set for 8:35 p.m. The Obama presidential campaign said Oct. 9 that it had bought the 8-8:30 p.m. slot on CBS and NBC. Of course, there may not even be a delay — the World Series has not gone to a sixth game since 2003. (AP)

What to Watch For

The Redskins face a high-octane offense led by WR Edwards

THE BROWNS HAVE THE BALL

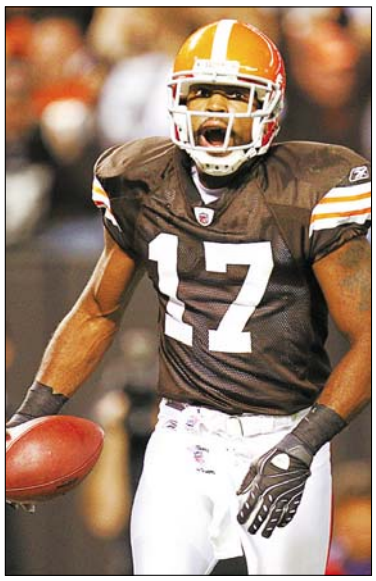
WR Braylon Edwards Vs. CB Carlos Rogers

The Browns hadn't looked like last year's playoff contender before last week, but then they beat the Giants, 35-14. A big part of this success was their aerial attack, led by WR Braylon Edwards. Edwards scored a touchdown while catching five passes for 154 yards — just under half of Cleveland's total passing attack — against the Giants. It will be Carlos Rogers' job to contain him. Rogers has been hot this year to the point where he may receive Pro Bowl consideration. In Week 4, he limited Eagles receiver DeSean Jackson to one catch for eight yards. Rogers was limited in practice Thursday but is expected to play Sunday.

THE REDSKINS HAVE THE BALL

WR Santana Moss Vs. CB Eric Wright

Last week, Cleveland cornerback Eric Wright had a 94-yard interception return for a touchdown against the Giants. His third interception of the year tied him for second in the NFL, and the Browns would love Wright's sticky hands to be the first to grab an interception from Redskins QB Jason Campbell's this year. But the second-year player will have his hands full with Santana Moss, who is No. 8 in the league in receiving yards. Moss has caught 29 passes for 443 yards this season and is always a deep threat as one of Campbell's favorite targets. And Moss is due for a big game after being virtually shut down against the Eagles and the Rams. After three scoreless weeks, the receiver should be hungry for a touchdown.



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Whoever wins the Braylon Edwards-versus-Carlos Rogers matchup could be a crucial factor in the outcome of Sunday's game between the Browns and Redskins.

SPECIAL TEAMS

PR Josh Cribbs Vs. P Ryan Plackemeier

After punter Durant Brooks' six-game career, Washington is last in the league in average yards per punt in net average, so there's nowhere to go but up. The Redskins hope Ryan Plackemeier, who was cut by Seattle after Week 1, will give them a boost. But waiting to welcome him to D.C. is Dunbar graduate Josh Cribbs, who is averaging more than eight yards per punt return this season and scored on a return last year. KATE YANCHULIS

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THE REDSKINS | BY MATT SWENSON, MATT.SWENSON@READEXPRESS.COM

Redskins' Glass Is Not Full Yet

I'M BEGINNING TO think everyone in the nation's capital returned with me from Oktoberfest drunk.

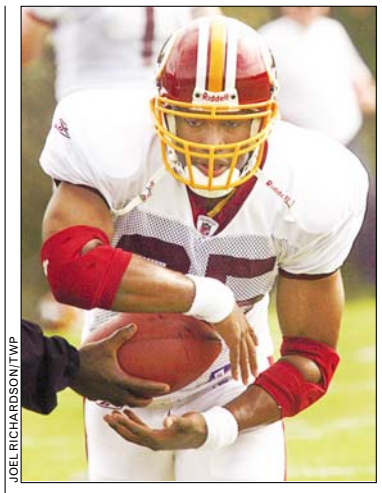
How else do you explain the resurgence of the dreaded "B" word — as in bandwagon — surrounding the Redskins? And that's after a loss to the previously winless Rams.

> Let's see the Redskins beat the Browns and Lions before the bandwagon is rolled out.

Maybe it's the influx of Seahawks. Surely, the punter was the reason Washington couldn't hold onto the ball last Sunday.

Luckily, Shaun Alexander didn't look washed up the last time we saw him carrying a football. Even more fortuitous is that coach Jim Zorn is plucking from his old stomping ground, where he won a Super Bowl. Oh, wait — neither is true.

No one is disputing that the Redskins look like a playoff team — far better than my fearlessly foolish preseason prediction. Still, let's see the Redskins beat the lowly Browns and Lions before the bandwagon is rolled out.



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Shaun Alexander is one of the former Seahawks now part of the Redskins.

Sunday's loss to St. Louis is easily explained after emotional and important wins at Dallas and Philadelphia. The defeat was probably a fluke, yet championship teams usually avoid such letdowns.

Maybe the upset ahead of two other trap games will serve as a warning for the rest of the season.

D.C. may be saying "cheers" and knocking together steins later this season. Just remember: It's still Kool-Aid, not beers, until the playoffs start.

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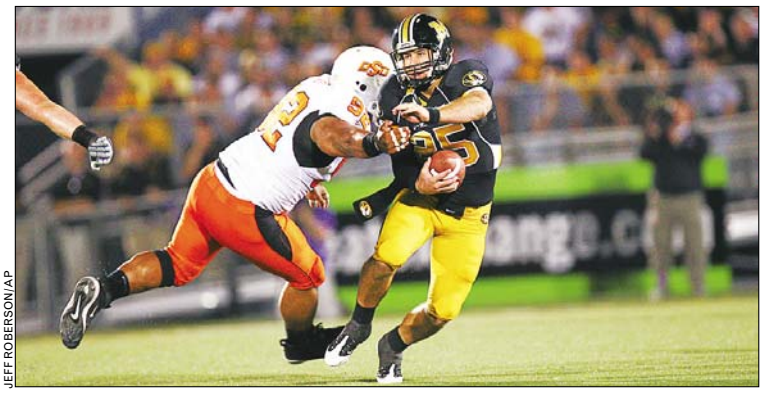
BROWNS (PLUS 7) AT REDSKINS	**REDSKINS** The wake-up call loss to the Rams should be enough to ensure a comfortable win.	**REDSKINS** Zorn is undefeated against the AFC.	**BROWNS** Seems to me not too many Redskins games have been decided by more than 7.	**BROWNS** If the Browns play as they did Monday night, they have a shot.
COLTS (MINUS 1) AT PACKERS	**PACKERS** Indy doesn't have a running back, and Green Bay's defense is solid.	**COLTS** I like rash decisions — Indy is back!	**COLTS** They don't really need a starting running back.	**COLTS** The Colts played last week as if they had finally found their form.
CHARGERS (NO LINE) AT BILLS	**CHARGERS** The Chargers could end up as the best team in the NFL by year's end.	**CHARGERS** San Diego's 3-3 is way better than Buffalo's 4-1.	**BILLS** The Chargers are due for another gag.	**BILLS** The Chargers are too busy planning for a game in London next week.
COWBOYS (MINUS 7) AT RAMS	**COWBOYS** The media have been saying how Dallas is done. The media are usually wrong.	**COWBOYS** The Rams got lucky last week — and the Cowboys got very unlucky.	**RAMS** Rams are the hottest one-win team in the league.	**COWBOYS** Brad Johnson brings more discipline while replacing Tony Romo.
BRONCOS (PLUS 3) AT PATRIOTS	**BRONCOS** The Patriots can't keep up with the Broncos' scoring.	**BRONCOS** Only five teams in the AFC have scored fewer points than the Pats. Wow.	**PATRIOTS** They don't really need starting offensive tackles.	**PATRIOTS** Denver's defense, especially on the road, isn't much.
SAINTS (PLUS 3) AT PANTHERS	**PANTHERS** The Saints are winless on the road this season.	**PANTHERS** Carolina bounces back after a disaster last week.	**SAINTS** All hail the toughest division in pro football.	**SAINTS** The Panthers are another team that had their bubble burst last week.

SEASON TALLY: Matt Swenson: 18-15-3 (5-1); Ian Herbert: 13-20-3 (3-3); Dan Steinberg: 19-14-3 (1-5); Dave Goldberg: 16-17-3 (0-6)
All picks are against the spread. Get more NFL coverage and chime in with comments on the Sports Bog at Blog.washingtonpost.com/dcsportsbog.

The Next Big 12 Shootout

Texas faces tough test against Missouri after Red River Rivalry win

COLLEGE PICKS | The Longhorns follow their rousing Red River Rivalry victory against Oklahoma, which vaulted Texas to the top of the rankings, with another major test. Chase Daniel and Missouri come to Austin, trying to rebound from their first loss of the season. The Tigers are 1-13 against the Longhorns since 1931. The picks:



JEFF ROBERSON/AP

Quarterback Chase Daniel and No. 11 Missouri face the No. 1-ranked Texas Longhorns after losing their first game of the season to Oklahoma State 28-23 last Saturday.

➜ **NO. 11 MISSOURI** (PLUS 6) at **NO 1. TEXAS.** So, who's going to be No. 1 next? ... **MISSOURI, 31-28.**

➜ **KANSAS** (PLUS 20) at **NO. 4 OKLAHOMA.** The new-and-improved Jayhawks take an old-fashioned beating in Norman ... **OKLAHOMA, 48-21.**

➜ **NO. 22 VANDERBILT** (PLUS 15) at **NO. 10 GEORGIA.** Bulldogs' O-line woes are hurting Knowshon Moreno's Heisman chances ... **GEORGIA, 30-10.**

➜ **NO. 12 OHIO STATE** (MINUS 3) at **NO. 20 MICHIGAN STATE.** The Spartans are seeking their first seven-game winning streak since '78 ... **OHIO STATE, 24-17.**

➜ **NO. 21 WAKE FOREST** (MINUS 1) at **MARYLAND.** Trying to figure out up-and-down Terps can cause dizziness ... **MARYLAND, 24-20.**

➜ **NO. 18 NORTH CAROLINA** (MINUS 5) at **VIRGINIA.** The Tar Heels have lost 13 straight at Charlottesville ... **VIRGINIA, 31-24.** RALPH D. RUSSO (AP)

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Terps Keep Eyes on Prize

UMd. seeks to remain in ACC title race with win over Wake Forest

TERPS FOOTBALL | The loss to Virginia was a crushing one for a Maryland team that had been riding high. It wasn't close, a beatdown from the start that ended mercifully with the scoreboard at 31-0.

It was the type of game that leads players and coaches toward self-reflection, searching for the root cause of such a dismal performance. Any good reason for failure on such a grand scale. For good or bad, after a bye, the Terrapins have had two full weeks to stew on it.

The Terrapins practiced only twice last week, but team leaders called a players-only meeting to come to grips with the past and set a course for the future.

JOHN MCDONNELL/TWP

Maryland running back Da'Rel Scott lowers his head after a 31-0 loss to Virginia. The Terps can clinch a share of the ACC Atlantic Division lead with a win Saturday.

'THE BEST DEFENSE'

→ While in recent years it's been Wake Forest's offense giving Maryland fits, this year it may well be Wake Forest's defense that poses the biggest problem for the Terrapins. Wake's defense is ranked in the top half of the ACC in most major defensive categories, and last week it held Clemson to just 23 rushing yards in a 12-7 victory. Wake Forest is allowing only 15 points per game. "This is probably the best defense we've played," eighth-year Maryland coach Ralph Friedgen said. D.T.

Friedgen has periodically questioned his seniors' leadership. He's waited for them to assert themselves, take control of the team and keep it from letting the goal of an ACC championship slip out of reach.

"I don't know what went on but I was impressed with the two practices in the off-week," Friedgen said.

Said senior defensive tackle Mack Frost: "We need accountability. As seniors, we are all accountable for ourselves, and we brought that to our team."

A win this week over defending conference champion Wake Forest would propel Maryland into a share of first place in the Atlantic Division.

Friedgen, even before the Virginia loss, had set two goals for the bye week: Heal up and get better fundamentally, specifically on the offensive line and in the running game.

"We have to improve the run game," senior center Edwin Williams said. "Just get back to playing our game and getting our communication right. It will help that it is a home game and that we'll have the crowd behind us." DEREK TURNER

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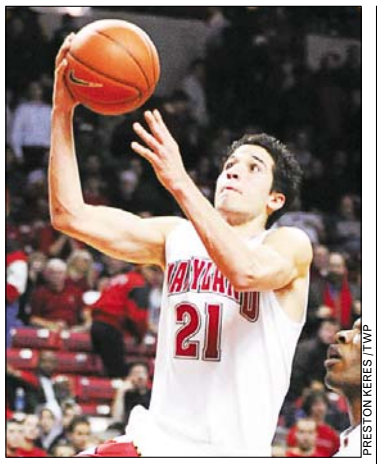
The Ball Drops at 12

Midnight Madness signals the start of the college hoops season

COLLEGE HOOPS | While games tip off in about a month, Friday marks a holiday of sorts for college basketball fanatics. On the first day teams are allowed to practice under NCAA guidelines, Midnight Madness takes the spotlight off the gridiron and puts it on the hardwood for one night. Three area schools are participating in the festivities.

MATT SWENSON (EXPRESS)



PRESTON KERES / TWP

Greivis Vasquez is hoping to lead the Terps into the Big Dance this season.

Georgetown Hoyas

Despite losing Roy Hibbert, Jonathan Wallace and Patrick Ewing Jr. to graduation, Georgetown figures to be a Top 25 team again. Back from the squad that repeated as Big East champions are starters Jessie Sapp, DaJuan Summers and Austin Freeman. Freshman center Greg Monroe carries the weight of big expectations that come with being the nation's top recruit.

➜ *McDonough Arena, Georgetown University; 8:30 p.m.*

Maryland Terrapins

Maryland fans love Greivis Vasquez because he is arguably the most talented player in the area. They hate the point guard, though, because sometimes he acts like the most immature player in the nation. If Vasquez can show the leadership expected of a junior, the Terps might surprise skeptics who are already predicting yet another NIT trip for the 2002 national champions.

➜ *Comcast Center, University of Maryland; 7:30 p.m.*

George Mason Patriots

The last remnants of the 2005 Final Four squad are finally gone, but Darryl Monroe returns from an injury that sidelined him the whole season. Don't count on the Cinderella slipper to fit this year.

➜ *Patriot Center, George Mason University; 9:30 p.m.*

Fans Show Phils Brotherly Love

Philadelphians dream of their first major sports title since 1983

BASEBALL PLAYOFFS | The Phillies returned home Thursday morning after clinching the National League pennant in Los Angeles, and a few dozen fans, including Mayor Michael Nutter, chanted their excitement and their hope as the buses pulled into Citizens Bank Park.

"Four more wins! Four more wins!" That's all it would take to give the Phillies their first World Series title since 1980, and the city's first title in any sport since 1983.

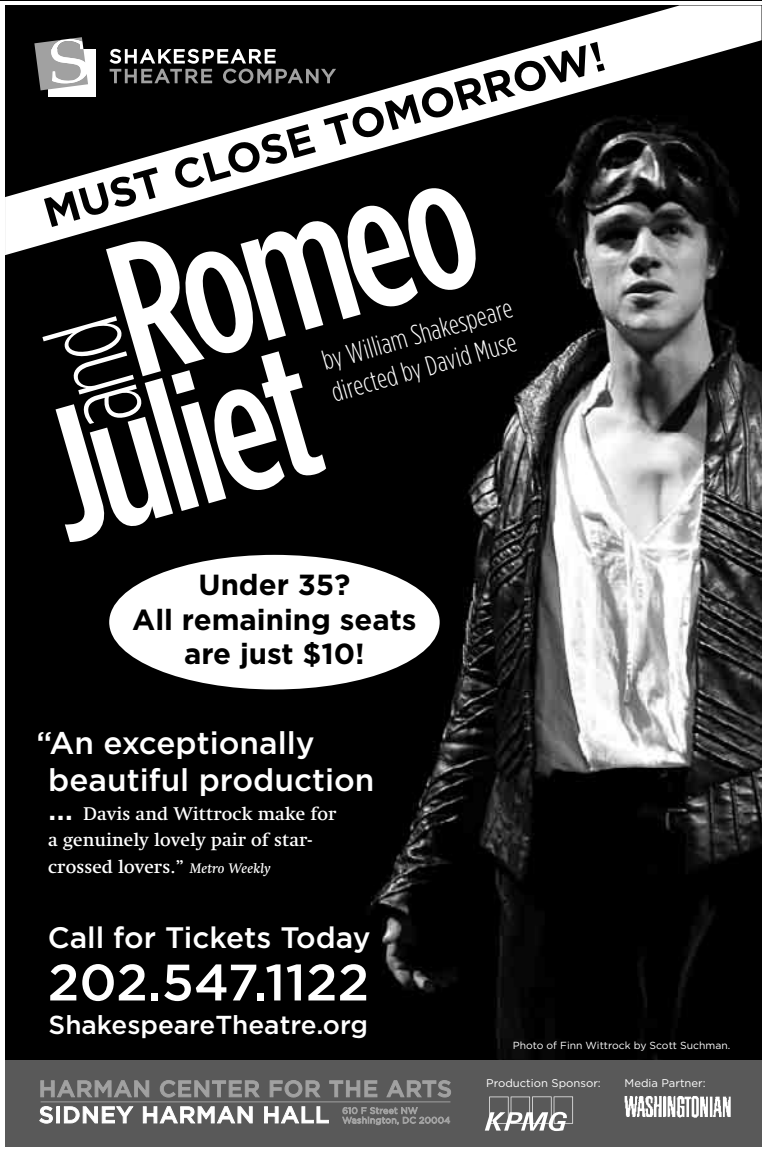
The team arrived at Philadelphia International Airport around 7:30 a.m. About 100 fans lined up at a chain-link fence to whistle and cheer as players disembarked.

MARK J. TERRILL/AP

Brad Lidge and the Phillies celebrate after beating the Dodgers Wednesday.

Firefighter William Cardwell, 22, of Marcus Hook, Pa., was there. He watched the game at the fire station with his colleagues. "They have the heart to win," he said. (AP)

Late game: Game 5 of the ALCS ended after Express' deadline. For results | **washingtonpost.com/sports**



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Entertainment Weekend

Fooled Us Once

The world thought 'W.' would be propaganda, but it's pure biopic

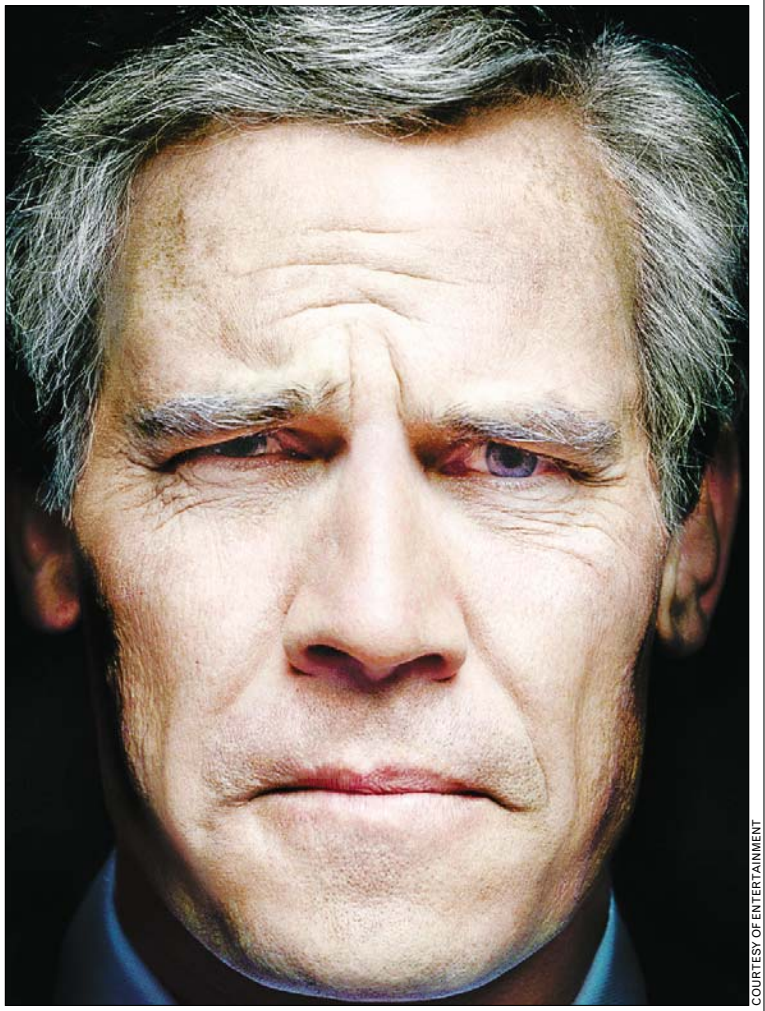
FILM | All he wanted to do was watch baseball and drink beer all day. Sounds like a reasonable request.

Instead, George W. Bush ended up being chosen as leader of the free world. Twice.

That's Oliver Stone's surprisingly fair and balanced assessment of the president, who truly needs no further parodying, in "W." Bush is an easy target anyway, and he inadvertently supplies enough ammunition without anyone else's help.

From the earliest announcements about the film, it seemed inevitable what we'd be in for: an evisceration. No other perspective could be possible from any director in Hollywood and especially not from Stone, who previously dug up the White House dirt with the conspiracy-laden "JFK" and the campy and paranoid "Nixon." And he's rushing it into theaters so it arrives before Americans go to the polls to choose their next president. Surely, he must have an agenda.

Instead, Stone has come up with a rather conventional biopic, albeit one about a person whose decisions have affected the entire planet for the past eight years.



COURTESY OF ENTERTAINMENT

ON THE CAREER PATH: Josh Brolin captures the essence of President Bush in "W." — he's just a dude who wants to drink beer, watch baseball and please Dad.

We see young Dubya as a drunk fraternity pledge at Yale University; as a swaggering party boy meeting Laura Welch (Elizabeth Banks), the woman who would become his wife and his rock, at a backyard barbecue; and as a reluctant worker in the West Texas oil fields, where he asks in twangy Spanish before noon, "Donde esta la cerveza?" — "Where is the beer?"

He runs for Congress and loses, runs for Texas governor and wins, loses the booze and finds the Lord. He buys the Texas Rangers, and baseball-as-metaphor serves as a leaping-off point for the few flights of fancy. (And among Bush's greatest hits, we get treated to flubs including, "Is our children learning?" "misunderestimated" and his famous botching of the phrase "fool me once, shame on you.")

Stone, working from a script by Stanley Weiser, doesn't provide much new insight on the 43rd president of the United States and often tries to explain away Bush's foibles and flaws with pop-psychology regarding his "daddy issues."

As Bush, Josh Brolin certainly gets the innate humor within the frequent buffoonery — and he has the voice and the demeanor down pat — but he also seems to recognize the tragedy of this figure, a man who was in way over his head for one of the world's most complicated jobs. CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

The Feel-Good Sisterhood

Genial actresses carry an adaptation of 'The Secret Life of Bees'

FILM | "The Secret Life of Bees" teases with talent. How can a movie populate a house with Queen Latifah, Alicia Keys and Jennifer Hudson and NOT give us a song?

Though the cast might suggest a musical, "The Secret Life of Bees" is an earnest, saccharine adaptation of Sue Monk Kidd's best-selling 2002 novel, brought to the big screen by director Gina Prince-Bythewood ("Love & Basketball").

The novel, set in South Carolina in 1964, came out of nowhere to sell millions, so this adaptation is highly anticipated by its readers.

The film stays close to the novel in telling the story of Lily Owens (Dakota Fanning), a 14-year-old girl who runs away from an abusive father. Lily leaves with her caretaker, Rosaleen Daise (Hudson), who has good reason to flee.

SIDNEY BALDWIN/FOX SEARCHLIGHT

Dakota Fanning and Jennifer Hudson star as runaways looking for a better life.

The two end up serendipitously at the "Caribbean pink"-painted house of the Boatwright sisters: August (Latifah), June (Keys) and May (Sophie Okonedo).

The Boatwright household is an oasis during a troubled time, presided over by Latifah's motherly August. She teaches Lily how to farm honey from their bee colonies.

"Above all, send the bees love," she tells Lily. "Every living thing wants to be loved." JAKE COYLE (AP)

Got Plans?

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MICHAEL TEMCHINE/TWP

Bar Pilar is cozy and offers tall, expensive (but tasty!) drinks like this one.

I have a good friend from college coming into town on Saturday. Where do we go that will be full of fun people — but not so loud and crowded that we can't chat — with good beer and good music and a cool D.C. vibe?

I'd hit the Red Derby, which is fun and not too loud, and gets a decent crowd. I think Bar Pilar would work, too, because it's a cool little spot that can be anything you want it to be.

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Recently, I have had a hankering for a sundae. Nothing fancy-shmancy like gelato — I am talking a straight-up ice cream or frozen custard sundae with lots of hot fudge, crushed nuts and roasted pecans.

I'm not much of a sundae gal — more of a two-scoops-in-a-cup person — but Max's Best gets my vote for fantastic ice cream and a decent array of toppings. Don't quite recall whether the fudge is hot, but I'm sure you could get a heckuva sundae there.

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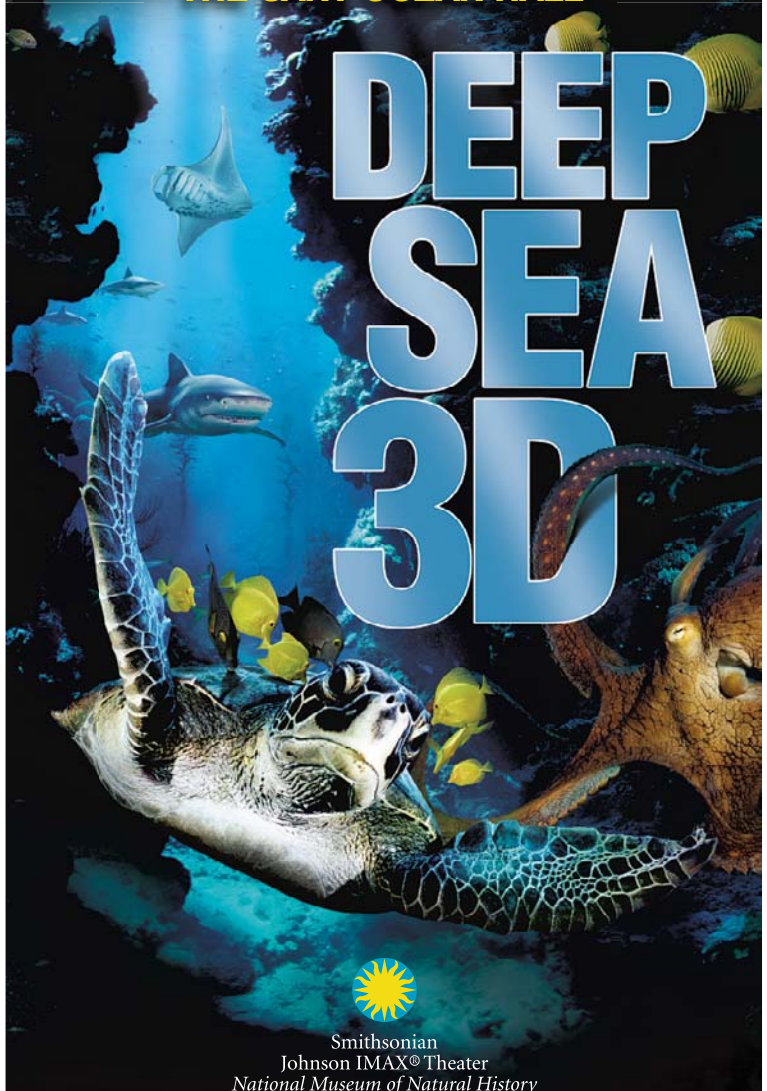

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NAME CHANGERS: Diddy (once called Puff Daddy), above, appears at Love (once called Dream) tonight. Or, check out Wovenhand, left, at Iota.

FRIDAY

Someday, Diddy/P. Diddy/Puffy/Puff Daddy/Sean Combs won't host a Howard University Homecoming party, but it's hard to imagine the weekend without the Bad Boy CEO/Ciroc pitchman/"Making the Band" host/former business administration major at Howard. His "hosting" duties usually consist of showing up, waving to the crowd and jumping on the mic for a few seconds, but he's comfortable in the role of the "What's Up, Howard?" hypeman. You may see him at **DREAM** — yes, **LOVE** reverts to its previous name for one night — and you may not, but the place will be packed with folks out to dance and have a good time, dressed in their finest. Expect the lines to be long, long, long, so early arrival is strongly suggested. Admission is a steep $30, with prices climbing to $80 if you want VIP access to additional spaces, which might just help you escape the inevitable crowding.

Find your soulful center amid the madness happening on U Street this weekend as Howard alum Eric Roberson does it for his alma mater and for a city that has adopted him as its own. The Blackbyrds, Donny Hathaway and Roberta Flack all passed through Howard before becoming legends, and Roberson proudly carries that torch in music that melds the aesthetic of the hip-hop generation to the work of its forebears. Some of those artists used to play the **BOHEMIAN CAVERNS**, where Roberson performs tonight, so it's like a legacy coming full circle. Joining Roberson is Kedar Entertainment's Algebra Blessett, whose voice you may know from work with Roberson contemporaries like Kev Brown, Raheem Devaughn and DJ Jazzy Jeff.

If you're suffering through Nick Cave Withdrawal Syndrome — and it's totally understandable if you are, because his two shows at 9:30 Club last week were the clear highlights of the 2008 concert calendar — you can get a bit of a fix tonight at **IOTA**. Wovenhand plays the same sort of apocalyptic rock 'n' roll as Mr. Cave and has even served as an opening for the Mustachioed One. Frontman David Eugene Edwards used to front 16 Horsepower, which was doing out-there Christian rock long before Sufjan Stevens brought it to the masses. Wovenhand continues in that tradition, and this isn't "Praise him!" Christian rock. Edwards takes much of his lyrical inspiration from those fire-and-brimstone parts of the Bible. Don't let the whole Christian thing scare you off, please. If anything, Edwards' tales of God will scare people away from religion. Good Friday night, right?

SATURDAY

The only time David ever saw an opening band do an encore was when Dead Moon came out for a couple extra songs when it played before the Make-Up. And while 99 percent of encores are completely bogus, this one was deserved. The backwoods garage-punk legends from outside Portland, Ore., shrieked and slashed through a memorable set, and we demanded more. Dead Moon called it quits a few years ago after two decades of truly DIY rock, but Pierced Arrows — basically Dead Moon with a different drummer — picks up right where it left off. The first album, "Straight to the Heart," is a fuzzed-out, distorted mess of authentic garage rock. There's nothing stylized about what husband-wife duo Fred and Toody Cole do, and that's a good thing. Get to **DC9** early to catch the Shirks, Love City and Hollywood, a seriously stacked lineup.

SUNDAY

If you've never heard of Cunninlynguists, resist the urge to write off the hip-hop group for a name that pushes the bounds of cleverness and good taste. Coming out of Kentucky, this trio was post-regional before that was an option. On its 2001 debut, "Southernunderground," producer Kno laid filtered samples under intricate flows with a hint of third coast drawl. Since then, Cunninlynguists have continued to defy categorization, amass dedicated fans and keep a foot in both the indie and mainstream worlds. The group's current tour with labelmate Substantial stops at **CARPOOL** Sunday night.

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Now Playing

AN AMERICAN CAROL (PG-13, 83 minutes) This flamingly right-wing comedy is antic and energetic, all right, but it's so broad and toothless that it winds up just being lame. It roughly tracks the Dickens Christmas classic: A Twinkie-gorging documentary filmmaker obviously based on Michael Moore is visited by three famous ghosts who show him the error of his peace-loving, health-insurance-demanding, America-hating ways. (PAUL FARHI)

WARNER BROS.

"SYRIANA," THE REMIX: Crowe and DiCaprio star in "Body of Lies," a political thriller involving the CIA and al-Qaeda.

APPALOOSA (R, 114 minutes) It's unashamedly old-school, but an offbeat, literate sense of humor keeps the film from becoming too weighty or self-absorbed. The premise is familiar: Freelance lawmen Virgil Cole (Ed Harris) and Everett Hitch (Viggo Mortensen) go to the little town of Appaloosa in the New Mexico Territory in 1882 in search of work. Bad guy Randall Bragg (Jeremy Irons) has just murdered the sheriff and two of his deputies. The frightened townspeople want things set right. After

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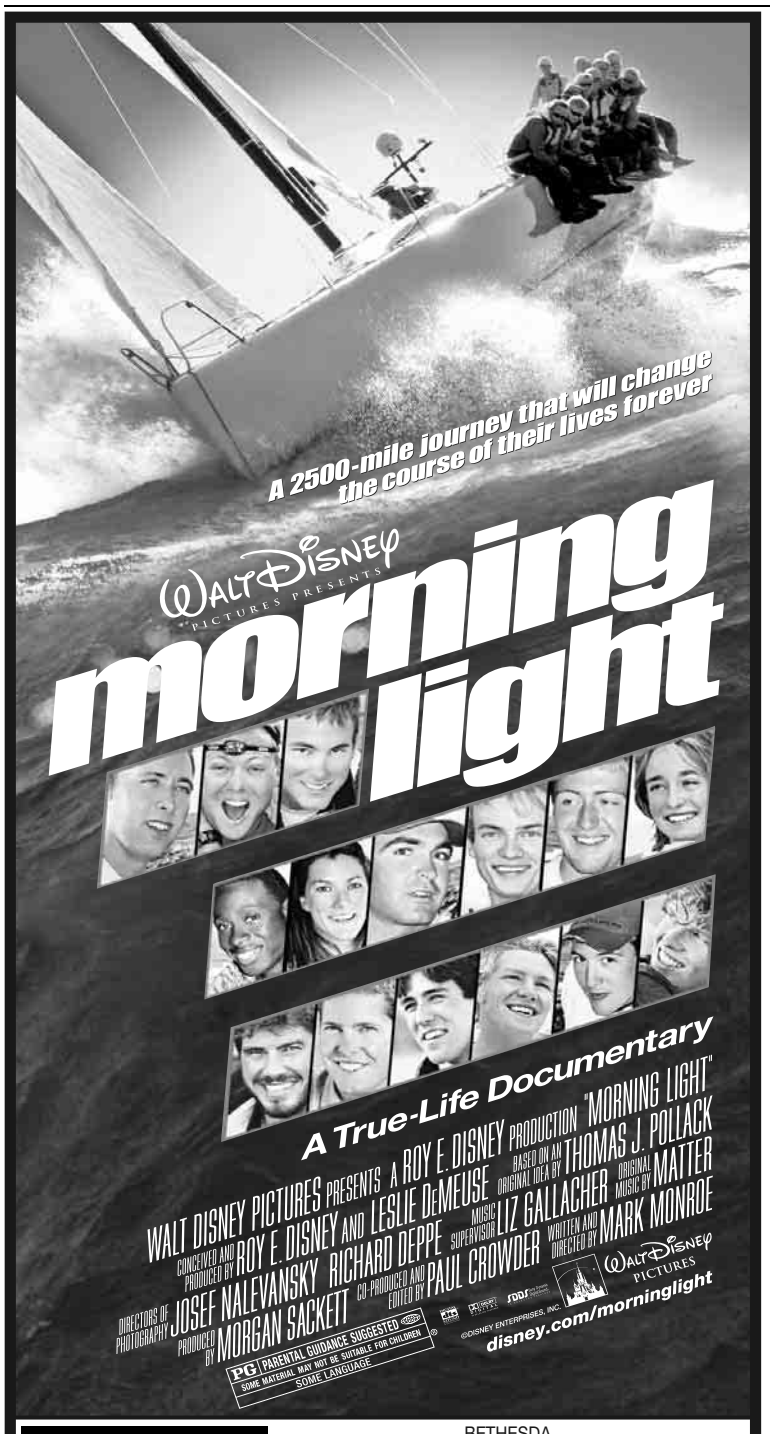

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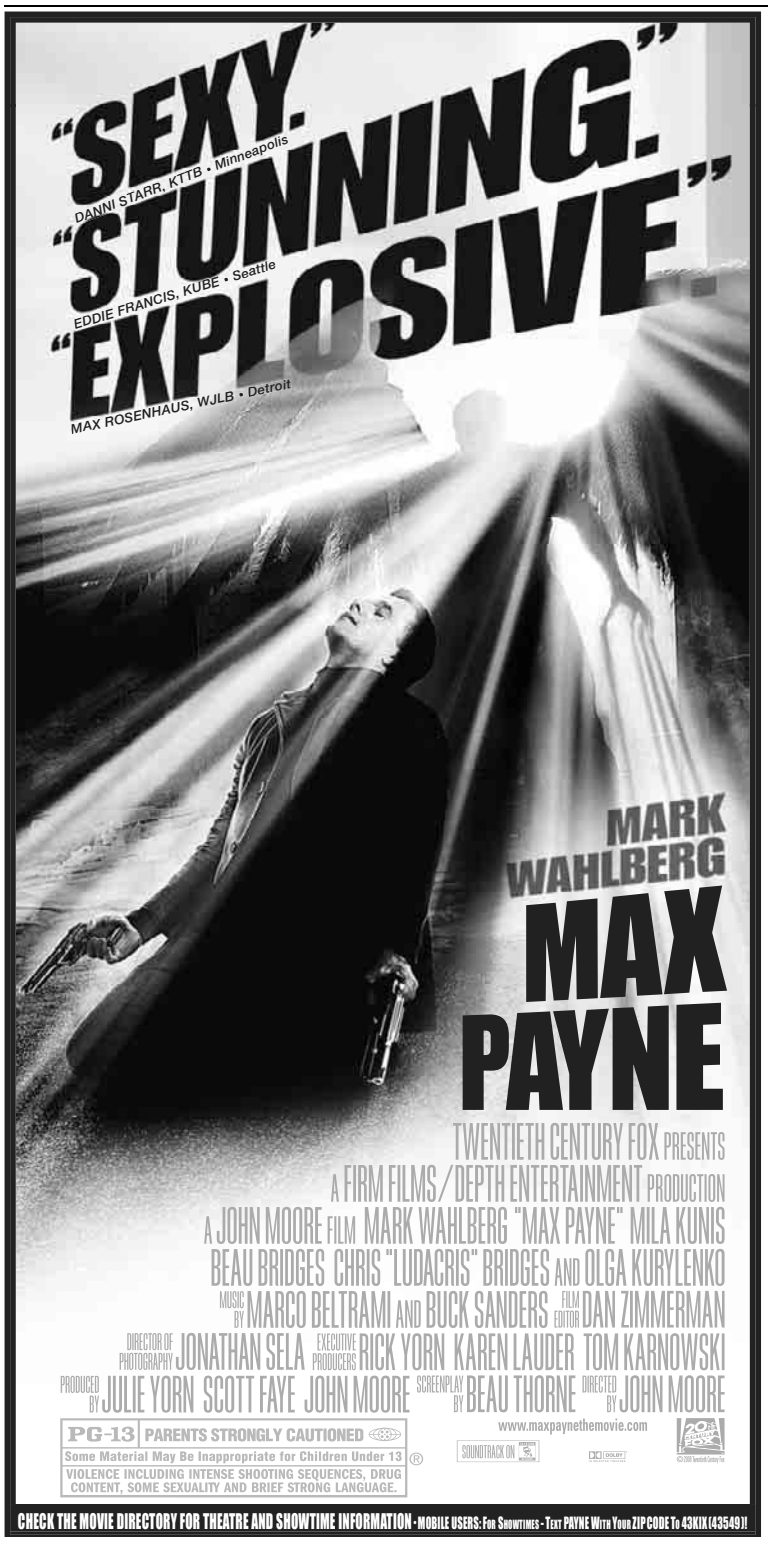
swift negotiations over the scope of their duties, Cole and Hitch take the job and go after Bragg's gang. Enter the widow Mrs. French (Renée Zellweger), who attracts both men. (MIKE MAYO)

BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG, 90 minutes) In a saner world, Disney's flat-footed attempt to cash in on the Taco Bell talking-dog craze that peaked 10 years ago would be easily dismissed as the pop-cultural detritus that it is. But — things are just this crazy — it's actually not that bad. Drew Barrymore voices the part of Chloe, the pampered title character who, while in the care of a feckless baby sitter (Piper Perabo), is taken to Mexico and promptly gets lost. OK, the concept for the movie is admittedly lame, but there's absolutely nothing wrong with watching a passel of adorable pooches wrinkle their brows and bark while human voices come out of their mouths. (AH)

BLINDNESS (R, 120 minutes) In this arresting, often riveting film that is fascinating to look at but not nearly so interesting to watch, a man at a stoplight suddenly and without reason goes blind. It develops into an instant epidemic, inspiring panic. The infected are quarantined in a deserted mental hospital; everyone inside is blind except the doctor's wife, who mysteriously remains immune. The casting is strong, with Julianne Moore as the doctor's wife, Mark Ruffalo as the doctor, and Gael García Bernal ("The Motorcycle Diaries") as the most vicious man among the quarantined. It's a beautiful car that never quite cranks up. (NT)

BODY OF LIES (R, 128 minutes) With its urgent post-9/11 context and often brutal violence, it seems off-key to describe this film as a nifty political thriller, but that's what it is. Leonardo DiCaprio plays Roger Ferris, a crackerjack CIA operative stationed in the Middle East whose handler, Ed Hoffman (Russell Crowe), backs him up from Langley by way of a secure phone and all-knowing satellite camera. The team is searching for a powerful al-Qaeda leader who has been masterminding bombings in Europe; the search will take Ferris from Iraq to Jordan to Dubai and finally to Syria in an escalating cat-and-mouse game of deception and mushy moral middle ground. Ridley Scott's film clicks along at an engaging pace, legibly limning its multitude of characters and even throwing in a good bit of wry humor. DiCaprio, however, seems off his game. (AH)

BURN AFTER READING (R, 96 minutes) CIA analyst Osborne Cox (John Malkovich) is told that he is being demoted and transferred, in part because he has a drinking problem. Outraged, he quits and retreats to his posh Georgetown rowhouse to have a drink and tell his wife (Tilda Swinton), who is throwing a party for Sandy and Harry Pfarrer (Elizabeth Marvel and George Clooney). Harry is having an affair with Mrs. Cox. Osborne, a yacht-owning Princeton alum who's convinced he's the smartest guy in town, reacts to his career crisis by dictating his memoirs. These wind up at Hardbodies Gym and in the hands of dense personal trainer Chad Feldheimer (Brad Pitt) and his upbeat colleague Linda Litzke (Frances McDormand), who demand a little from Cox for the return of his clas



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sified material. Oh, the high-octane cast works hard. But there's nothing to suggest anybody off-camera tried that hard, which is fatal to a Coen brothers outing. (NT)

CHOKE (R, 92 minutes) This adaptation of a book by cult pulp novelist Chuck Palahniuk ("Fight Club") might appeal to Palahniuk's niche of fans, but for the most part it's a grim, joyless turnoff. Sam Rockwell, who's becoming alarmingly adept at playing weaselly, chinless antiheroes, plays Victor, a compulsive womanizer, con man and Colonial theme park reenactor whose myriad life issues stem from a troubled relationship with Mommy. "Choke" is a slight, cynical bagatelle, filmed without much distinction of style. (AH)

CITY OF EMBER (PG, 95 minutes) The seemingly doomed city of Ember was built to last 200 years, and it's year 241. It's run by a mayor (Bill Murray) who is corrupt and not very bright. Doon Harrow (Harry Treadaway), the only son of an eccentric inventor (Tim Robbins), and Lina Mayfleet (Saoirse Ronan) want to save the city. It's not an entirely convincing trip, but it is the sort of satisfying movie you wished they would make more often. (NT)

THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13, 152 minutes) Heath Ledger's performance is a subtle, nuanced piece of acting so powerful it banishes all memories of the handsome Aussie behind it. He's supple of body and expressive with only his eyes, and his voice has undulations of irony and mockery and psychopathology. But when the Joker is absent, the film loses most of its energy and becomes nothing but a pretty-boy face-off between Christian Bale (Batman) and Aaron Eckhart. (SH)

THE DUCHESS (PG-13, 110 minutes) Directed by Saul Dibb, the film shows that if Dibb knows nothing else, he knows what he has in star Keira Knightley.

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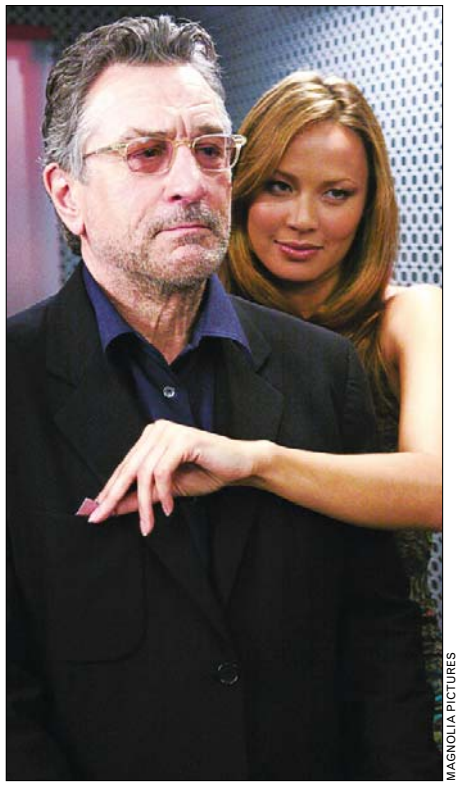

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HOLLYWOOD IS FULL of liars, backstabbers, sycophants, would-be power players and egomaniacs. And your point is what? In skewering the movie business, "What Just Happened" (R, 110 minutes) treads delicately and benignly on some well-trampled territory but offers no new insights. It comes from people who've been around a long time, so there's no doubt they know their way. Barry Levinson directs. Longtime producer Art Linson wrote the script based on his memoir. And Robert De Niro stars as a middle-aged producer juggling actors and agents with ex-wives and kids. His character, Ben, repeatedly finds himself as he shuttles among various studio lots, restaurants and women. Ben is the producer of an action picture that stars Sean Penn and is set to premiere on opening night of the Cannes Film Festival. But the brash British director (Michael Wincott) refuses to recut it, even after it tests horrifically, in the name of artistic integrity. Everyone is so shallow and self-serving, there isn't a single person worth caring about, but De Niro does some of his best work in awhile. CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

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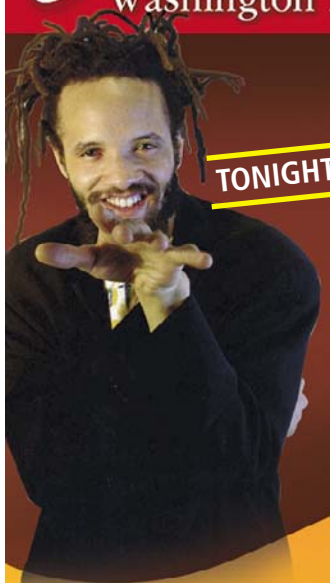

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She's a beautiful, heroic and engaging Georgiana, the soon-to-be wife of the fairly abominable Duke of Devonshire (Ralph Fiennes), who wants nothing more than a son to carry on his name. Her naivete is painful, even more so in retrospect, after the Duke proves himself a brute. Under their marital roof, he seduces Georgiana's friend Bess (Hayley Atwell) with the promise of helping her regain custody of her children. Then he refuses to let Bess leave. Georgiana is forced into a shotgun menage a trois. Everyone loves Georgiana, or will, except maybe women who are pregnant, or have been: By the end of the film, she has given birth to four children, and she still looks like Keira Knightley. (JA)

EAGLE EYE (PG-13, 118 minutes) We used to have bad guys to play the menacing "them" in the paranoid conspiracy thriller. Nazis. Reds. Rogue CIA operatives. Pod people. Corporate goons. Now we have technology. The hapless target of this espionage is Jerry Shaw (Shia LaBeouf), the slacker twin brother of a talented military officer and the prodigal son of a well-to-do family. Shortly after his wunderkind brother dies in a car wreck, Jerry finds his bank account suddenly filled with $750,000. His cell phone rings, and a disembodied female voice tells him the FBI is going to kick in the door in a few seconds. In New York, divorced mom Rachel Holloman (Michelle Monaghan) gets the same call. Director D.J. Caruso works hard to twist the paranoid-conspiracy-thriller motif. He brings in Billy Bob Thornton and Rosario Dawson as investigators who rely on good old human smarts to figure out what the heck is going on in the cyber-chase. (NT)

THE EXPRESS (PG, 129 minutes) Have you heard of Ernie Davis? If you have, you'll love this classic sports biopic of the Syracuse running back who in 1961 became the first black man to win a Heisman Trophy. And if you haven't — well, you'll love it, too, if only because Davis' story is so worthy of attention and respect. Rob Brown portrays Davis with sympathy and restraint, but it's Dennis Quaid as Syracuse coach Ben Schwartzwalder, who provides the film with its most fascinating figure. Schwartzwalder became a reluctant pioneer for civil rights as his integrated team withstood epithets, bottles and death threats while playing in the Deep South. It's entertaining, deeply moving and genuinely important. (AH)

GHOST TOWN (PG-13, 103 minutes) British comic genius Ricky Gervais plays Bertram

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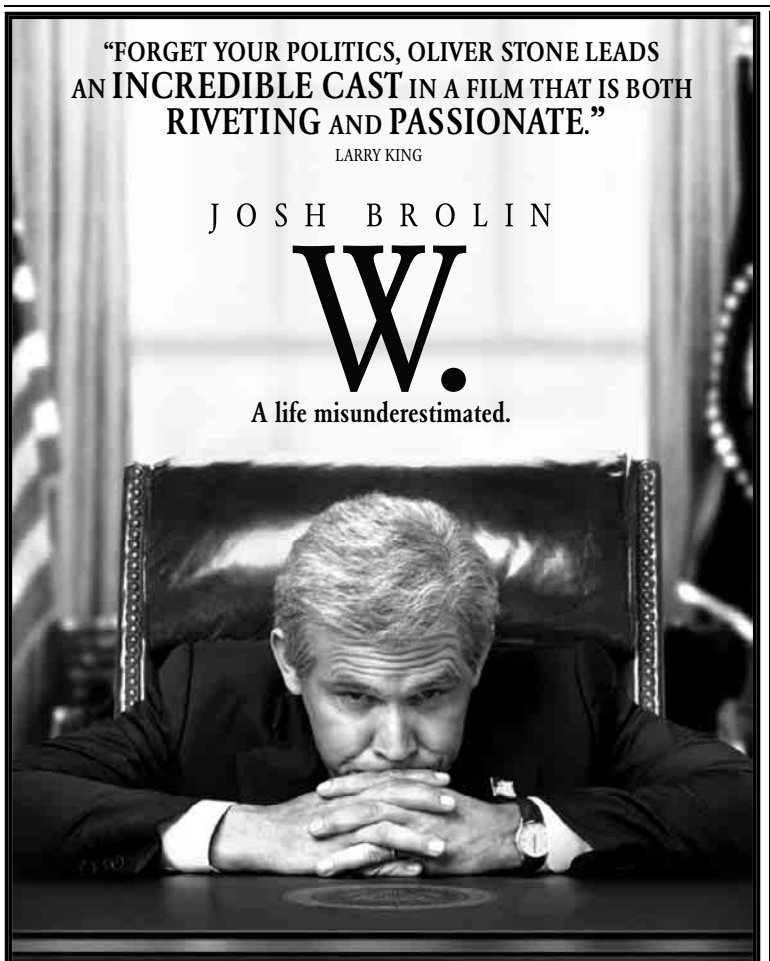

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IGOR (PG, 86 minutes) Attempting to do with horror stereotypes and cliches what "Shrek" did with fairy tales, the film has clever moments but doesn't come close to the polished animation, wit and originality of the big green guy. In the realm of Malaria, where it's always a dark and stormy night, everyone plays his or her role. Every mad scientist has his Igor, whose job description is limited to lisping, "Yes, Master." But one Igor (voiced by John Cusack) dreams of bettering his station by designing his own evil inventions. When his boss, Dr. Glickenstein (John Cleese), falls victim to an experiment gone awry, Igor sees his chance and sets out to create the ultimate monster. (MIKE MAYO)

LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG-13, 110 minutes) The perky interracial couple at the heart of the movie, Chris and Lisa Mattson (Patrick Wilson and Kerry Washington), don't generate sparks of their own. But saving the party is their flame-throwing cop next door, Abel Turner (Samuel L. Jackson). It's your standard-issue tale of an eccentric neighbor who gets weird, menacing, scary and then downright nasty. The twist here is that the ever-so-reasonable couple being picked on is a white husband and a black wife. Their tormentor is not a white racist, but an angry black man. (NT)

MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R, 155 minutes) This highly anticipated Spike Lee film follows four "Buffalo Soldiers" who find themselves in a remote Italian village surrounded by German troops. Overwrought, overproduced, overbusy and overlong, the film finally suffers from the worst filmmaking sin of all: the failure of trust, in the story and the audience. And no miracle can overcome that. (AH)

NICK AND NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST (PG-13, 90 minutes) This infectious night-in-the-life romantic comedy stars Michael Cera and Kat Dennings as the title characters, high school students who share rarified tastes in music but wildly different temperaments. Nick, the only straight member of a queercore band, still harbors feelings for his pop tart of an ex-girlfriend; Norah, who crosses paths with Nick while they're both looking for a secret show on Manhattan's Lower East Side, can't hide her disdain. As the two make their way through the smiles of a New York night, they bicker, confide, criticize and ultimately find true love. (AH)

NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG-13, 97 minutes) The romance between a guilt-wracked surgeon (Richard Gere) and a dumped wife (Diane Lane), who fall into each other's arms during a storm, is utterly and completely unsupported by anything that happens in the film based on the novel by Nicholas Sparks. What really sells this three-hanky tear-jerker is Lane's steely

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SCREEN GEMS

IT'LL BE JUST FINE! Jennifer Carpenter smiles for the cameras in "Quarantine."

Now Playing

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and vulnerable performance. Like Tinker Bell, she almost made me believe in fairies. Almost. (MO)

QUARANTINE (R, 89 minutes) Jennifer Carpenter, playing the too-thin, too-young, too-flirty TV reporter whose "ride along" with firefighters turns into a zombie virus nightmare, gives a performance that harks back to the Golden Age of Jamie Lee Curtis. No, the script isn't anything special, and the novelty long ago wore off for this style of moviemaking. "Quarantine" is a remake of a Spanish horror thriller about a reporter and a cameraman who get more than they bargained for when they do a story on the night shift at a fire station. (ORLANDO SENTINEL)

RELIGULOUS (R, 101 minutes) Several of Bill Maher's ideas about religion will make you laugh out loud in the television host's globe-trotting, full-frontal assault on the three major Western faiths. But one of the rules of satire is that you can't mock things you don't understand, and the film starts developing fault lines when it becomes clear that Maher's view of religious faith is based on a sophomoric reading of the Scriptures. "You're smart people," he tells guys at a truck stop chapel, when it is clear he thinks them anything but. (NT)

RIGHTEOUS KILL (R, 100 minutes) What director Jon Avnet wants to get at is what all good veteran-cop movies get at: the acidic erosion of a good man's soul from many years of dealing with malice and murder and unpunished cruelty. When Turk (Robert De Niro) and Rooster (Al Pacino) investigate the brutal murder of a young girl by a thug who skates on the indictment because of false testimony, Turk, a simmering pot of hostility, plants a gun on the child killer and sends him away to someplace cheerful like Attica. (NT)

TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG-13, 111 minutes) Charlotte Cartwright (Kathy Bates), a construction-company magnate, is friends across class and color lines with Alice Pratt (Alfre Woodard), a hardworking cafe owner. They're both single moms and matriarchs at this point, naturally, and each have their hands full with their now-adult children. Woodard imbues Alice with such heart, warmth and genuine affection that it is likely you will leave the theater remembering her smile, which is a lovely thing. (NT)

VICKY CRISTINA BARCELONA (PG-13, 96 minutes) Life is still meaningless, but this time we get the message from Spain's two best actors, Javier Bardem and Penélope Cruz, who play divorced painters who have driven each other to attempted homicide. Their relationship is reignited by Scarlett Johansson, who enters their lives as Cristina, an American spending her summer in Barcelona. (DAN ZACK)

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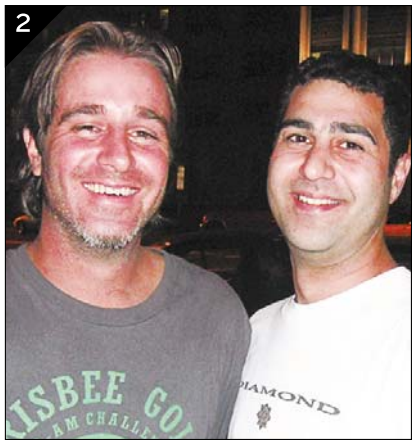
1. "A ticket to Italy. I'd lost my passport," Katie Chambers. **2. "My ex-wife's house,"** Matthew Havens, left. **"A houseboat without a motor,"** Tim Abdella. **3. "The oil change and tune-up I paid $870 for,"** John Banks, left. **"I saved 75 wrappers for a disco ball. It never came,"** Kiki Rogers. **4. "My iPhone. Six months later, it was $200 less,"** Noel Perez, left. **"My Camero,"** Magan Roehl. **"My V-neck T-shirt,"** Sergo Espinoza, right. **5. "A tow truck for a Zipcar,"** Jackie Whisman, left. **"Golf clubs for my ex,"** Kelly Hunter. ROBYN MINCHER



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ON TV THIS WEEKEND

DEFOE'S BRAINCHILD

Will viewers get back to basics with **CRUSOE** (8 p.m., NBC, Fri.)? Tonight's two-hour pilot asks viewers to recall a time when movies and TV shows were based on literary works and not theme-park rides and video games.

WEST COAST DRAMA

Based on the Oscar-winning 2006 drama, **CRASH** (10 p.m., Starz, Fri.) features an extensive cast of Los Angeles residents whose lives intersect. This 13-part series is dominated by star Dennis Hopper, who turns in a memorable role as an arrogant and repulsive music producer.

PEACE OUT, REALITY

Molly needs a place to hide away on **STARTER WIFE** (10 p.m., USA, Fri.).

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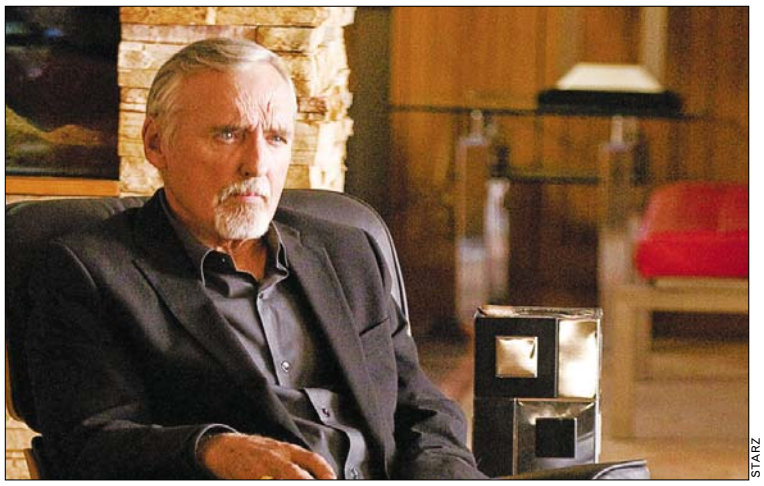
Jay Leno hosts Daniel Craig and Kevin Smith on **THE TONIGHT SHOW** (11:35 p.m., NBC, Fri.).



STARZ

DELIGHTFULLY CREEPY: Dennis Hopper is the guy you'll love to hate on "Crash."

LUDA!

Edward Norton, Chris "Ludacris" Bridges, and comedian Mike Birbiglia chat on **LATE NIGHT WITH CONAN O'BRIEN** (12:35 a.m., NBC, Sat.).

OLD-SCHOOL PLAYERS

Mel Brooks, Teri Garr and Cloris Leachman recall the making of "Young Frankenstein" in the documentary **IT'S ALIVE: CREATING A MONSTER CLASSIC** (7:30 p.m., Fox Movie Channel, Sat.).

'I PEED IN YOUR SLIPPERS'

The secrets of the Rottweiler, Boston terrier, basset hound, Shar-Pei and Saint Bernard revealed on **DOGS 101** (8 p.m., Animal Planet, Sat.).

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Josh Brolin hosts **SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE** (11:30 p.m., NBC, Sat.), featuring musical guest Adele.

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Ramon's obsession threatens his career on **DEXTER** (9 p.m., Showtime, Sun.).

TUNE IN TO UNDERSTAND THIS

A garage sale speaks volumes on **BROTHERS & SISTERS** (10 p.m., ABC, Sun.).

HE'LL TRY ANYTHING ONCE

Vince tiptoes into the fashion world on **ENTOURAGE** (10 p.m., HBO, Sun.).

LOOKING FOR TROUBLE

The brave (or is it reckless?) search tirelessly for twisters on the second-season premiere of **STORM CHASERS** (10 p.m., Discovery, Sun.).

KELLY WALSH/NBC

LITERARY ICONS: Robinson and Friday contemplate life on NBC's "Crusoe."

DAPPER FELLOWS

Sometimes the best dramas reflect their times, even when they are not trying to. For a while now, I've been struck by the fact that Sen. Barack Obama's wardrobe seems to be straight out of Don Draper's closet on **MAD MEN** (10 p.m., AMC, Sun.). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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Adv. Tix on Sale HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3: SENIOR YEAR
Adv. Tix on Sale SAW V
SECRET LIFE OF BEES (PG-13) (140 425) 720 945
CITY OF EMBER (PG) (145 435) 715 935
AMERICAN CAROL (PG-13) (110 325 545) 755 1005
FLASH OF GENIUS (PG-13) 710 PM 1000 PM
NIGHTS IN RODANTHE - DP (PG-13) (100 400) 650 930
APPALOOSA (R) - ID REQ'D (135 420) 705 950
THE DUCHESS (PG-13) (125 410) 700 940
IGOR (PG) (215 PM 440 PM)
GHOST TOWN (PG-13) (130 430) 735 1010
LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG-13) 925 PM
THE WOMEN (PG-13) (120 415) 730 1015
RIGHTEOUS KILL (R) - ID REQ'D (115 PM 405 PM) 655 PM

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Adv. Tix on Sale HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3: SENIOR YEAR
Adv. Tix on Sale SAW V
MAX PAYNE (PG-13) (1130 1230 200 300 420 520) 645 745 930 1015
W (PG-13) (1150 340) 700 1000
SEX DRIVE (R) - ID REQ'D (1250 320) 715 945
SECRET LIFE OF BEES (PG-13) (120 440) 730 1030
QUARANTINE (R) - ID REQ'D (1210 250 530) 800 1040
BODY OF LIES (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (100 410) 710 1010
CITY OF EMBER (PG) (130 PM 430 PM)
THE EXPRESS (PG) 720 PM 1020 PM
BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG) (1120 140 400) 630 900
NICK AND NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST (PG-13) (110 350) 650 940
EAGLE EYE - DP (PG-13) (1240 330) 620 910
NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG-13) (240 PM) 740 PM
FIREPROOF (PG) (1220 PM 310 PM) 615 PM
THE DUCHESS (PG-13) (1200 230) 610 845
APPALOOSA (R) - ID REQ'D (500 PM) 1025 PM
LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG-13) 915 PM

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DIGITAL PRESENTATION
BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG) (11:25 @ $6), 1:45, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45
MAX PAYNE (PG13) ✓ (11:30 @ $6), 12:05, 1:55, 2:30, 4:20, 5:00, 7:00, 7:40, 9:35, 10:15, 12:05
SEX DRIVE (R) ✓ (11:20 @ $6), 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55, 12:30
BODY OF LIES (R) ✓ (10:40, 11:40 @ $6), 1:40, 2:35, 4:50, 5:30, 7:50, 8:30, 10:45, 11:25
CITY OF EMBER (PG) ✓ (10:10 @ $6), 12:45, 3:10, 5:35
THE EXPRESS (PG) ✓ (11:05 @ $6), 2:05, 5:15, 8:10, 11:10
QUARANTINE (R) ✓ (11:45 @ $6), 12:20, 2:00, 2:40, 4:10, 4:55, 6:35, 7:15, 8:55, 9:35, 11:15, 11:55
BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG) (10:00 @ $6), 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:05
NICK & NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST (PG13) (11:00 @ $6), 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:05, 10:30
EAGLE EYE (PG13) (10:05 @ $6), 12:50, 3:45, 6:30, 9:15, 12:00
MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R) 9:25 PM
NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG13) 8:00, 10:20
LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13) 12:20, 3:00, 5:40, 8:20, 11:00
TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG13) (10:50 @ $6), 1:30, 4:15, 6:55, 9:30, 12:10

AMC SELECT
THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES (PG13) ✓ 12:00, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45, 10:25
W. (PG13) ✓ (10:45 @ $6), 1:35, 4:25, 7:15, 10:05
THE DUCHESS (PG13) ✓ (11:40 @ $6), 2:15, 5:00, 7:35, 10:10
APPALOOSA (R) (11:35 @ $6), 2:25, 5:15, 7:55, 10:35
RELIGULOUS (R) 12:40, 3:15, 5:50, 8:15, 10:40
BURN AFTER READING (R) 12:25, 2:45, 5:05, 7:25, 9:45

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THE IMAX EXPERIENCE
EAGLE EYE: THE IMAX EXPERIENCE (PG13) (10:30 @ $9), 1:10, 4:00, 7:10, 10:20
MAX PAYNE (PG13) (11:10 @ $6), 1:40, 4:10, 7:15, 9:45
SEX DRIVE (R) (11:30 @ $6), 2:15, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10
BODY OF LIES (R) [DS] [CC] (10:35 @ $6), 1:30, 4:30, 7:40, 10:45
CITY OF EMBER (PG) (11:45 @ $6), 2:10, 4:40
THE EXPRESS (PG) 12:50, 3:50, 6:50, 9:50
QUARANTINE (R) (10:15 @ $6), 12:30, 2:50, 5:15, 7:45, 10:05
BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG) (11:25 @ $6), 1:50, 4:20, 6:45, 9:40
NICK & NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST (PG13) (10:45 @ $6), 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:20, 10:40
NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG13) (11:50 @ $6), 2:40, 5:30
LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13) 8:10, 11:00

AMC SELECT
RELIGULOUS (R) (10:40 @ $6), 1:05, 3:35, 6:05, 8:30, 11:10
THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES (PG13) (11:00 @ $6), 1:45, 4:15, 7:00, 10:00
W. (PG13) (11:40 @ $6), 2:30, 5:10, 8:00, 10:50
THE DUCHESS (PG13) (11:20 @ $6), 2:20, 5:00, 7:50, 10:30
APPALOOSA (R) 7:20, 10:15

LOEWS GEORGETOWN 14
3111 K Street, N.W.
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DIGITAL PRESENTATION
NICK & NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST (PG13) 12:55, 3:15, 5:35, 7:55, 10:20
MAX PAYNE (PG13) ✓ 12:05, 2:30, 4:55, 7:30, 10:10
SEX DRIVE (R) ✓ 2:05, 4:45, 7:25, 10:15
BODY OF LIES (R) ✓ 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:05
CITY OF EMBER (PG) ✓ 12:05, 2:15, 4:40
THE EXPRESS (PG) ✓ 12:50, 3:50, 6:45, 9:50
QUARANTINE (R) ✓ 12:35, 3:00, 5:15, 7:35, 10:00
EAGLE EYE (PG13) 1:20, 4:05, 6:50, 9:45
EAGLE EYE (PG13) [CC] 1:20, 4:05, 6:50, 9:45
NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG13) 7:10, 9:40

AMC SELECT
THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES (PG13) ✓ 12:00, 2:45, 5:25, 8:05, 10:50
W. (PG13) ✓ 2:00, 4:50, 7:45, 10:40
THE DUCHESS (PG13) 1:55, 4:35, 7:15, 9:55
APPALOOSA (R) 2:20, 5:00, 7:50, 10:45
RELIGULOUS (R) 12:40, 3:10, 5:40, 8:15, 10:55
BURN AFTER READING (R) 12:45, 3:05, 5:30, 8:00, 10:25

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EAGLE EYE: THE IMAX EXPERIENCE (PG13) (11:05 @ $9), 2:00, 4:50, 7:40, 10:30
MAX PAYNE (PG13) ✓ (11:10 @ $6), 12:05, 1:40, 2:35, 4:10, 5:05, 6:40, 7:35, 9:10, 10:05, 11:40
SEX DRIVE (R) ✓ 12:20, 2:55, 5:35, 8:10, 10:45
BODY OF LIES (R) ✓ (10:30 @ $6), 1:35, 4:35, 7:30, 10:25
CITY OF EMBER (PG) ✓ 1:55, 6:55
THE EXPRESS (PG) ✓ (10:05 @ $6), 1:00, 3:55, 6:50, 9:55
QUARANTINE (R) ✓ (10:20 @ $6), 12:40, 3:05, 5:25, 7:45, 10:15, 12:10
BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG) (10:10 @ $6), 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10
NICK & NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST (PG13) (10:00 @ $6), 12:25, 2:45, 5:10, 7:20, 9:35
EAGLE EYE (PG13) (10:05 @ $6), 12:50, 3:40, 6:30, 9:20, 12:05
NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG13) (11:35 @ $6), 4:30, 9:30
LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13) (10:25 @ $6), 1:15, 4:05, 7:05, 9:40, 11:55

AMC SELECT
APPALOOSA (R) (11:15 @ $6), 2:05, 4:45, 7:25, 10:20
THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES (PG13) [DS] [CC] ✓ (11:00 @ $6), 1:45, 4:25, 7:15, 9:50
W. (PG13) ✓ (10:35 @ $6), 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45, 12:10
THE DUCHESS (PG13) (10:45 @ $6), 1:20, 4:00, 6:45, 9:25
RELIGULOUS (R) 12:15, 2:50, 5:20, 7:55, 10:35
FIREPROOF (PG) (10:40 @ $6), 1:25, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00

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SEX DRIVE (R) ✓ 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
QUARANTINE (R) ✓ 1:20, 3:30, 5:45, 7:50, 10:30
NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG13) 12:20, 2:40, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
GHOST TOWN (PG13) 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:20

AMC SELECT
THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES (PG13) ✓ 12:30, 3:10, 5:40, 8:10, 10:40
THE DUCHESS (PG13) 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40
APPALOOSA (R) 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:25

MAGIC JOHNSON CAPITAL CENTRE 12
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MAX PAYNE (PG13) (11:30 @ $6), 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
SEX DRIVE (R) (11:55 @ $6), 2:25, 4:55, 7:25, 9:55
BODY OF LIES (R) 12:50, 4:05, 7:05, 10:05
THE EXPRESS (PG) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
QUARANTINE (R) (11:45 @ $6), 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 6:30, 7:45, 9:00, 10:20
BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG) (10:55 @ $6), 1:05, 3:15, 5:25, 7:35, 9:45
EAGLE EYE (PG13) (10:40 @ $6), 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:25
MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R) 2:40
LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13) 12:20, 3:20, 6:20, 9:20
TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG13) (11:20 @ $6), 2:20, 5:05, 7:40, 10:30

AMC SELECT
THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES (PG13) (10:30 @ $6), 1:00, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50
W. (PG13) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15

LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7
2772 South Randolph
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AMC SELECT
THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES (PG13) 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:55
THE DUCHESS (PG13) 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30
APPALOOSA (R) 2:00, 4:30, 7:20, 9:50
RACHEL GETTING MARRIED (R) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40
RELIGULOUS (R) 2:00, 4:40, 7:40, 10:00
BURN AFTER READING (R) 1:30, 4:10, 7:10, 9:20
VICKY CRISTINA BARCELONA (PG13) 2:10, 5:00, 7:30, 9:40

LOEWS UPTOWN 1
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AMC SELECT
W. (PG13) 12:00, 2:35, 5:15, 7:55, 10:35

AMC TYSONS CORNER 16
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DIGITAL PRESENTATION
EAGLE EYE (PG13) (10:30 @ $6), 1:30, 4:40, 7:50, 10:35
MAX PAYNE (PG13) ✓ (9:40 @ $6), 12:20, 2:50, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15, 12:40
SEX DRIVE (R) ✓ 12:00, 2:35, 5:10, 7:55, 10:30, 1:00
BODY OF LIES (R) ✓ (9:55 @ $6), 1:05, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55, 12:50
CITY OF EMBER (PG) [DS] [CC] ✓ (11:15 @ $6), 1:55, 4:20, 7:05, 9:30, 11:50
THE EXPRESS (PG) ✓ (10:35 @ $6), 1:25, 4:25, 7:25, 10:20
QUARANTINE (R) ✓ (10:10 @ $6), 12:25, 2:40, 5:05, 7:35, 10:10, 12:25
BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG) (9:45 @ $6), 12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:15, 9:50, 12:05
NICK & NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST (PG13) (10:00 @ $6), 12:15, 2:25, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40, 11:55
NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG13) (9:50 @ $6), 12:15, 2:40, 5:20, 7:40, 10:05, 12:35

AMC SELECT
THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES (PG13) ✓ (11:20 @ $6), 1:55, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45, 12:30
W. (PG13) ✓ (11:00 @ $6), 1:45, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30
THE DUCHESS (PG13) (10:15 @ $6), 12:45, 3:25, 5:55, 8:30, 11:00
APPALOOSA (R) 12:05, 2:45, 5:30, 8:10, 10:55
RELIGULOUS (R) (10:25 @ $6), 12:55, 3:20, 5:50, 8:15, 10:45
BURN AFTER READING (R) (10:05 @ $6), 12:35, 3:05, 5:25, 8:05, 10:25, 12:45

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MAX PAYNE (PG13) ✓ 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:50
SEX DRIVE (R) ✓ 2:00, 4:30
SEX DRIVE *(CLUB CINEMA)* (R) ✓ 7:15, 10:00
BODY OF LIES (R) ✓ 1:40, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20
THE EXPRESS (PG) ✓ 1:20, 4:15, 7:10, 10:10
BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG) 3:15, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15
NICK & NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST (PG13) 2:20, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
EAGLE EYE (PG13) 2:10, 4:50
EAGLE EYE *(CLUB CINEMA)* (PG13) 7:40, 10:30

LOEWS RIO CINEMAS 18
9811 Washingtonian Boulevard
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DIGITAL PRESENTATION
EAGLE EYE (PG13) (9:35 @ $6), 12:10, 2:55, 5:35, 8:10, 10:55
MAX PAYNE (PG13) ✓ (10:00, 11:15 @ $6), 12:40, 1:55, 3:15, 4:30, 5:45, 7:00, 8:15, 9:35, 10:50, 12:05
SEX DRIVE (R) ✓ (11:35 @ $6), 2:15, 5:10, 7:40, 10:35
BODY OF LIES (R) ✓ (11:20 @ $6), 2:25, 5:25, 8:30, 11:30
BODY OF LIES (R) [DS] [CC] ✓ (10:05 @ $6), 1:10, 4:20, 7:15, 10:10
CITY OF EMBER (PG) ✓ (11:00 @ $6), 1:40, 4:25
THE EXPRESS (PG) ✓ (10:40 @ $6), 1:45, 4:35, 7:35, 10:30
QUARANTINE (R) ✓ (10:10 @ $6), 12:20, 2:50, 5:15, 7:45, 10:05, 12:00
BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG) (9:50 @ $6), 12:10, 2:35, 5:00, 7:25, 9:45, 11:55
NICK & NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST (PG13) (10:45 @ $6), 1:15, 3:30, 5:55, 8:05, 10:20
NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG13) (9:40 @ $6), 12:05, 2:30, 4:50, 7:20, 9:40
LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13) 7:10, 10:00

AMC SELECT
THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES (PG13) ✓ (9:30 @ $6), 12:00, 2:40, 5:20, 7:50, 10:45
W. (PG13) ✓ (10:50 @ $6), 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:25
THE DUCHESS (PG13) (11:30 @ $6), 2:05, 4:45, 7:20, 9:55
APPALOOSA (R) (11:25 @ $6), 2:10, 4:55, 8:00, 10:40
RELIGULOUS (R) (9:45 @ $6), 12:15, 2:45, 5:05, 8:05, 10:45
FIREPROOF (PG) (11:00 @ $6), 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 10:00

LOEWS WHITE FLINT 5
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MAX PAYNE (PG13) 2:05, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45
BODY OF LIES (R) 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15
BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG) 2:20, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

AMC SELECT
W. (PG13) 1:55, 4:40, 7:20, 10:10
THE DUCHESS (PG13) 2:25, 4:50, 7:25, 10:05

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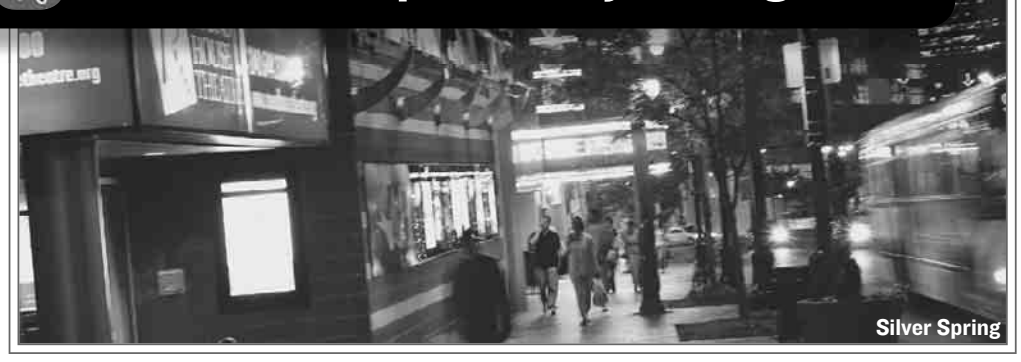

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MAX PAYNE (R)
(!) 11:20, 1:35, 3:50, 6:05, 8:20, 10:35
THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES (PG-13)
(!) 11:50, 2:20, 4:45, 7:20, 9:45
SEX DRIVE (R)
(!) 11:50, 2:20, 4:45, 7:20, 9:45
QUARANTINE (R)
11:25, 1:35, 3:50, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30
BODY OF LIES (R)
(!) 11:30, 2:45, 5:45, 9:00
THE EXPRESS (PG)
(!) 11:30, 2:45, 5:45, 9:00
BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG)
11:20, 1:35, 3:50, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30
EAGLE EYE (PG-13)
11:40, 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 10:20

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1:35, 4:10, 6:45, 9:20
W. (PG-13)
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
THE DUCHESS (PG-13)
1:30, 4:15, 7:05, 8:40
HAPPY GO LUCKY (R)
1:15, 4:05, 6:50, 9:35
THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES (PG-13)
1:50, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45
RACHEL GETTING MARRIED (R)
1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:55
RELIGULOUS (R)
1:35, 4:20, 6:55, 9:30
BURN AFTER READING (R)
2:00, 7:20
APPALOOSA (R)
4:25, 10:00

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5:30, 7:50, 9:50
THE EXPRESS 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
EAGLE EYE 4:40, 7:30, 10:00
WALL-E 4:20, 6:50
IGOR (PG) 5:00 PM
TROPIC THUNDER (R) 7:10 PM
PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) 9:30 PM

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W. (PG-13)
2:20, 5:00, 7:25, 9:55
CITY OF EMBER (PG)
3:00, 5:15
BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG)
3:05, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30
NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG-13)
7:30, 9:35

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QUARANTINE (R)
12:45, 2:45, 4:45, 6:45, 8:45, 10:45
MAX PAYNE (R)
12:25, 2:30, 4:35, 6:40, 8:50, 10:50
THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES (PG-13)
12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50
LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG-13)
3:30, 8:25, 10:40
THE EXPRESS (PG)
1:00, 5:50
TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG-13)
1:15, 3:25, 5:35, 7:50, 10:15

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TROPIC THUNDER (R) 7:15 PM
PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) 9:45 PM
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WALL-E (G) SAT 12:45 PM
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W. (PG-13)
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SEX DRIVE (R)
11:35, 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50
MAX PAYNE (R)
11:50, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10:05
NENU MEEKA TELUSA (NR)
11:30, 6:30
BODY OF LIES (R)
12:30, 4:15, 7:10, 10:05
QUARANTINE (R)
12:00, 2:35, 5:05, 7:45, 10:25
BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG)
12:05, 2:25, 4:55, 7:40, 9:55
CHINTAKAYALA RAVI (NR)
2:45, 10:00
EAGLE EYE (PG-13)
12:15, 4:25, 6:55, 9:45
CITY OF EMBER (PG)
11:45, 2:10, 4:40
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BODY OF LIES (R)
10:10, 1:00, 4:15, 7:30, 9:55
GHOST TOWN (PG-13)
10:15, 12:25, 4:35, 7:20
NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG-13) 2:30
RACHEL GETS MARRIED (R)
9:55, 12:15, 2:40, 5:00, 8:00, 10:10
THE DUCHESS (PG-13)
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APPALOOSA (R)
1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 9:40
WHAT JUST HAPPENED (R)
1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 9:55
THE DUCHESS (PG-13)
12:50, 3:50, 6:50, 9:25
DAYS & CLOUDS (NR)
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45
THE POOL (NR)
1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:50
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***W. (PG-13)**
11:35, 2:40, 6:05, 9:15
***KARZ (NR)**
11:30, 3:00, 6:30, 10:00
***THE EXPRESS (PG)**
12:30, 3:20
***QUARANTINE (R)**
12:10, 2:25, 4:35, 7:25, 9:30
***BODY OF LIES (R)**
11:50, 2:45, 6:10, 9:20
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12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 7:00, 9:10
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4 Nice and Easy

Tired of discordant progressive and oh-so-experimental indie rock? Girlyman makes folk-pop music that is defined by stunning three-part harmonies and beautiful melodies. It's the type of music that just makes you want to sit back, close your eyes and listen — an easy task inside the warm walls of the Birchmere. N.M.

➜ *The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Fri., 7:30 p.m., $20, 703-549-7500.*

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So, classical music's audience is dwindling. Who really cares, right? It's a bunch of complex, gorgeous pieces written by dudes who died hundreds of years ago. But worry not: It has a selling point. The Eroica Trio is a threesome of gorgeous women. Not to say that they're famous only because they're attractive — they also happen to be extraordinarily talented musicians. It's a lot easier to get your teenage boy to appreciate classical music when it's offered up by three ladies who wouldn't look out of place in Vogue. F.Z.

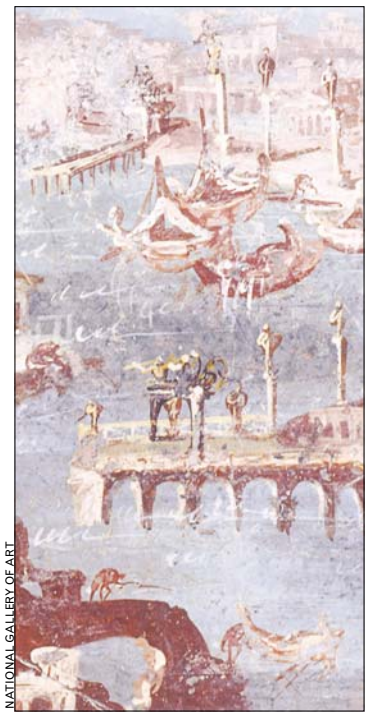
➜ *Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna; Fri., 8 p.m., $35; 703-938-2404.*

top stops WEEKEND

1 He's Mad as Hell. But, Then, So Are You.

He's bitter so that you can laugh. D.C. native Lewis Black brings his brand of acerbic humor to the Patriot Center in a performance guaranteed to vent enough frustration to cleanse a room full of pent-up Washingtonians. Which is saying a lot, considering how worked up and upset everyone here is lately. But all that anger is good for us, right? After all, without it, would we ever get motivated enough to exercise our sacred right to vote? Or would we just sit around watching Comedy Central? N.M.

➜ *Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Sat., 8 p.m., $30; 703-993-3000.*



NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART

3 Rome's Riches

Rome was more than a political powerhouse during its empire days — it was also rich in art and artisans. On Sunday, "Pompeii and the Roman Villa," an exhibition showcasing the art of ancient Roman art, opens at the National Gallery of Art. Featuring sculptures, paintings and mosaics, this exhibit provides a glimpse into another side of Roman society, one preserved only through volcanic providence. (EXPRESS)

➜ *National Gallery of Art, Fourth Street and Constitution Avenue NW, through March 22, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., free; 202-737-4215.*

COMPILED BY Express' Nathan Martin and Fiona Zublin. Read more of their picks every day — and for what's coming up this weekend — at **expressnightout.com/topstops.**

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Libations in the Eye of the Storm

IT'S ALWAYS TOUGH to let people in on your favorite, not-yet-crowded places. However, we're giving folks at Express — here is an introduction to Black Squirrel (2427 18th St. NW; 202-232-1011).

Opened earlier this year, this laid-back spot is an oasis amid the madness known as 18th Street. On a weeknight, when Adams Morgan is at its most hospitable, it's a great bet for food, drink and friendly service. The same thing goes on the weekends — you just have to battle the mob to get in the door.

The unassuming black and yellow storefront leads to a tasteful, understated bar packed with tall tables and chairs. A sizable TV, an '80s jukebox and a MegaTouch are easily used or ignored. The space lends itself to an outing that includes neither yawns nor underage vomit on anyone's shoe.

On a more appetizing note, there are deals galore. On Tuesdays, grab a half-price appetizer before 8 p.m. Wednesdays are half-price wine nights, and Thursdays are for half-price burgers (beef, turkey and veggie). On Friday, you can imbibe the in-house white ale for $4 all night long, or feel sexy, and inebriated, in the city with $6 cosmos (same price for the pink stuff on Saturday).

Even sans deals, the beer list is extensive and includes everything from Maine microbrews to Russian lagers. The food is never greasy and always satisfying (the calamari is exceptional), and the ambiance whispers "chill" on a street that's often anything but. KARMAH ELMUSA (EXPRESS)

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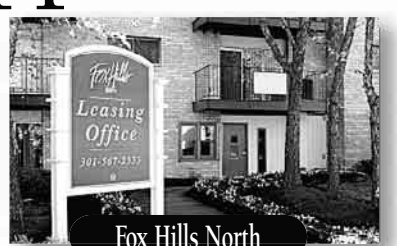

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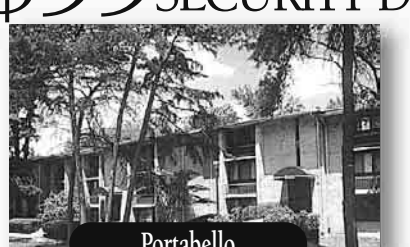

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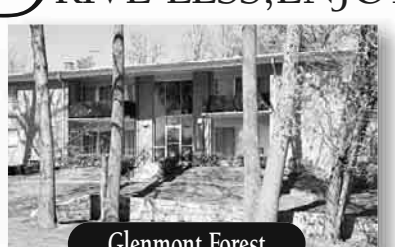

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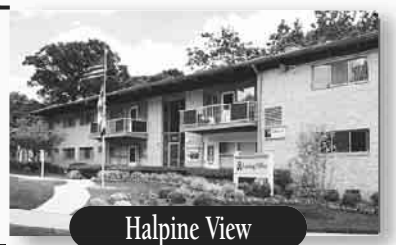

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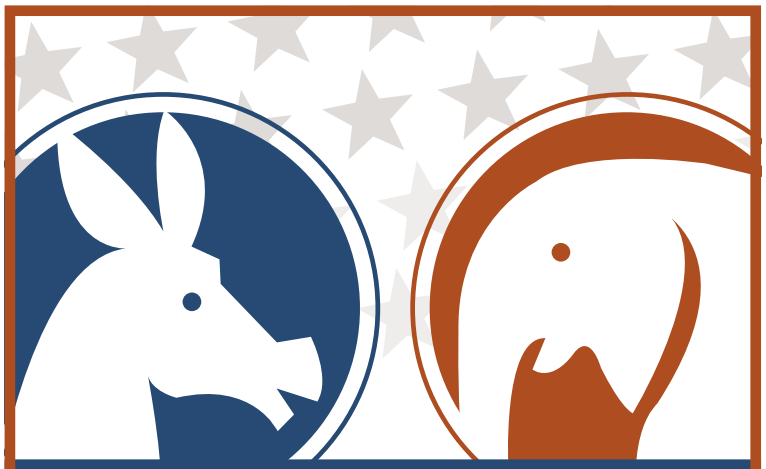

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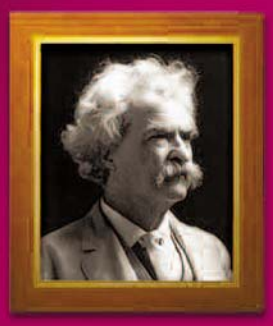

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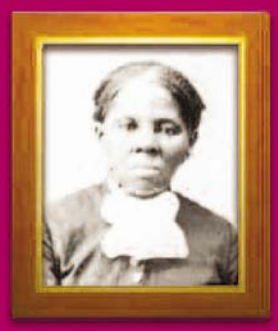

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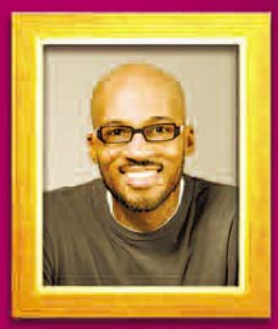

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INSPIRED WARES: A man shows off "What Would Jesus Brew?" T-shirts at the Great American Beer Festival in Denver, Colo.

Faithful Drinkers

Beer

Microbrewers invoke God and religion to market their products

In the beginning, there was a long line for Judgment Day ale.

Shortly after the doors opened on Denver's 27th Great American Beer Festival, a crowd congregated at the booth offering that and other pours from the Lost Abbey of San Marcos, Calif., where the tap handle is a Celtic cross and the legacy of beer-brewing monks endures.

Standing under a banner promising "Inspired beers for Saints and Sinners Alike," proprietor and former altar boy Tomme Arthur had a confession: He's using God to sell some beer.

> "As you drain a glass of beer, look at the yeast at the bottom and be reminded that God is good."
>
> **CHARLIE PAPAZIAN,** BREWERS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

"It's the oldest story ever told — the struggle between good and evil," said Arthur, 35, a product of Catholic schools in his native San Diego. "There is a battle being waged between those who make good beer and those who make evil beer."

Without question, unholy excess is in evidence anytime 18,000 gallons of alcohol is served to 46,000 people over three days: women in Bavarian maid outfits and "Beer Pong" tables.

Yet perhaps surprisingly, God could be found at last week's Great American Beer Festival — in the crassly commercial, in homage to religion's long history in brewing, in needling faiths that turn a suspect eye on drinking, and (if the prophet of home-brewing is to be believed) at the bottom of every glass.

While alcohol and religion don't always mix, no less a figure than Benjamin Franklin once said: "Beer is living proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy."

Charlie Papazian, author of "The Complete Joy of Homebrewing," the undisputed bible of the craft, can cite many intersections of beer and the divine. Mayan and Aztec priests controlled the brewing of beer in pre-Columbian days, monks in Bavaria brewed strong bocks for sustenance during Lent, and the first brewery in the Americas was founded by Belgian monks in Ecuador in 1534.

Before Louis Pasteur pinpointed yeast as the culprit in the 1850s, brewers didn't know what caused fermentation, said Papazian, president of the Boulder, Colo.-based Brewers Association. So, they invented one run-on word to describe the mysterious stuff at the bottom of the bottle: "Godisgood."

"As you drain a glass of beer, look at the yeast at the bottom and be reminded that God is good, because that's the way it feels," Papazian said.

Like most business owners, brewers tend to avoid politics and religion out of fear of alienating customers. At the same time, microbrewing has become an intensely competitive industry, so putting a saint on a bottle can help a guy stand out.

When Brock Wagner was looking to name his new brewery in Houston 14 years ago, his search took him to the library of a local Catholic seminary. There, he found the story of St. Arnold of Metz (580-640), the French saint of brewers and one of many patron saints of the brewing arts.

As the tale goes, Arnold urged his people, "Don't drink the water, drink beer" because he believed water boiled in beer was safer than tainted water sources.

Centuries later, St. Arnold Brewing Co. became Texas' first craft brewery, with a "divine reserve" single-batch beer and 21 fermenters named for different saints.

"One purpose of religion is the formation of communities, and our brewery kind of has that effect, of bringing people together," said Wagner, who describes himself as spiritual but wary of organized religion.

"Some of our regulars say going on our brewery tour is going to church." ERIC GORSKI (AP)

Sean Lynch of the Schmaltz Brewing Company holds a bottle of a He'Brew beer.

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MUSIC

Supersonic Duo

Magnetic Morning lets the drummer get some. The stickman is Interpol's Sam Fogarino, who's mostly in charge of the group's music, and the singer is Swervedriver's Adam Franklin. Christopher Porter spoke to Fogarino about Magnetic Morning, which plays the Rock and Roll Hotel on Friday. | ONLINE NOW

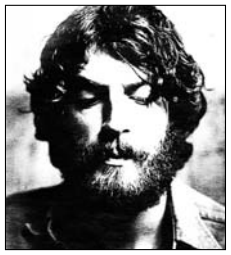
MUSEUMS

Wounded Cities

Leo Rubinfien has commented on Sept. 11 by photographing people in various countries who were uninvolved in the disasters of that day. Rubinfien's book of this street photography, "Wounded Cities," has been adapted into a show at the Corcoran, and Chris Combs talked to him about his work. | ONLINE NOW

SOUND BETS

Music Nonstop



We're cranking through a whole slew of new music videos on our Sound Bets blog, running the gamut from punk rock and R&B, to metal and indie. Catch new clips from Beyonce, Wax Fang, F***** Up, Passion Pit, Ray LaMontagne, Islands, Kanye West and more. | ONLINE NOW

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AS OF 5 P.M.

SHOULD VOTERS BE ALLOWED TO WEAR POLITICAL CLOTHING WHEN THEY GO TO THE POLLS?

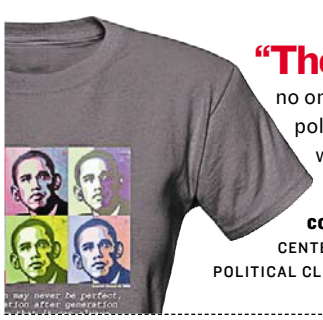
YES 70% | **NO** 30%

"Of course they should. Everyone should be entitled to wear what they want when they go to vote in a public place."

COMMENTER JONATHAN, WHO ADDED, "LAST TIME I CHECKED, THE FIRST AMENDMENT WAS STILL PART OF THE CONSTITUTION. THE HARASSMENT OF OTHER VOTERS SHOULD DEFINITELY NOT BE ALLOWED."

"Is seeing a 'MILF 4 VP' shirt just before entering the voting booth really going to instantaneously sway an Obamaniac to vote for Sarah Palin?"

COMMENTER KATIE, WHO ADDED, "HOW ABSURD! REGULAR CITIZENS SHOULD BE ABLE TO WEAR WHATEVER PINS OR BUTTONS OR SHIRTS THEY WANT TO WEAR."



"The only way to make sure no one is influenced by sartorial choices at the polling place is for all voters to be banned from wearing any clothes. This way, no one can unfairly influence anyone's opinions."

COMMENTER PMMJ, RESPONDING TO THURSDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "SHOULD VOTERS BE ALLOWED TO WEAR POLITICAL CLOTHING WHEN THEY GO TO THE POLLS?"

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Blog LOG

"In the end, I chose my marriage over fantasy football. But, really, I don't want to talk about it."

JODIFUR.BLOGSPOT.COM RELAYS THE STORY OF HOW SHE FEELS HER HUSBAND CHEATED HER OUT OF POINTS AT THE END OF THEIR LAST FANTASY FOOTBALL SEASON AND LOST AN APPEAL TO THE RULES COMMITTEE, ALMOST LEADING TO A BREAKUP.

GARY HERSHORN-POOL/GETTY IMAGES

"I never realized how short John McCain's arms are! He can't reach out to the American people with stubby little arms like that!"

LISTENTOLEON.NET POKES FUN AT THE GOP PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, ADDING, "REACHING ACROSS THE AISLE TO WORK WITH DEMOCRATS? YOU CAN'T REACH THE TOP CABINET IN YOUR KITCHEN."

"Obama has the bad habit of giving an 'I'm smarter than my stupid, ignorant elders' smirk whenever McCain is talking. I'm not the only person who has noticed this."

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Discussions

NFL Insider

Washington Post NFL columnist and NFL Insider blogger **MARK MASKE** was online Thursday to take questions and comments about Week 6 results and all the latest news from around the league.

Why do you think it took so long for Shaun Alexander to find a job?
It's a funny thing about him. Even in his heyday as the MVP of the league, there were a lot of people who didn't like how he played and thought he was too soft as a runner. You get old very quickly at that position, too. But it does seem odd that he was so unwanted, doesn't it?

Is Pacman Jones' having a driver and security at the expense of the Dallas Cowboys a salary cap violation? It seems it is an additional benefit with value that is not counting against the salary cap?
I do think there are some other teams that might wonder that. But I have not heard of the league investigating that, at least not at this point.

What's the overall consensus around the league on the Redskins' loss Sunday? Do most people feel it was a fluke, considering the dominated total yards and time of possession?
I think the Redskins are still viewed around the league as a very good team. I said before the game that the only way they'd lose was if they went out and gave away points by turning the ball over, and that's exactly what they did. Suddenly, the Browns' game looks like a very good test.

What are your thoughts on the Roy Williams trade? The Lions got a pretty good deal, huh? I think they knew they had a lot of leverage and could demand what they wanted.
It was a very good deal for the Lions. Roy Williams is a good player, but I don't know that he's worth first-, third- and sixth-round picks. Given the Lions' circumstances, they came out ahead in that one.

Do you think Minnesota has to make the playoffs for Brad Childress to keep his job?
That's probably a pretty good guess. That's a team that has most of the parts in place, but Childress just seemed to have picked the wrong quarterback in Tarvaris Jackson.

TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS: Join Family Filmgoer columnist Jane Horwitz to discuss which movies you and your kids can see this weekend at 12:30 p.m. | **washingtonpost.com/discussions.**

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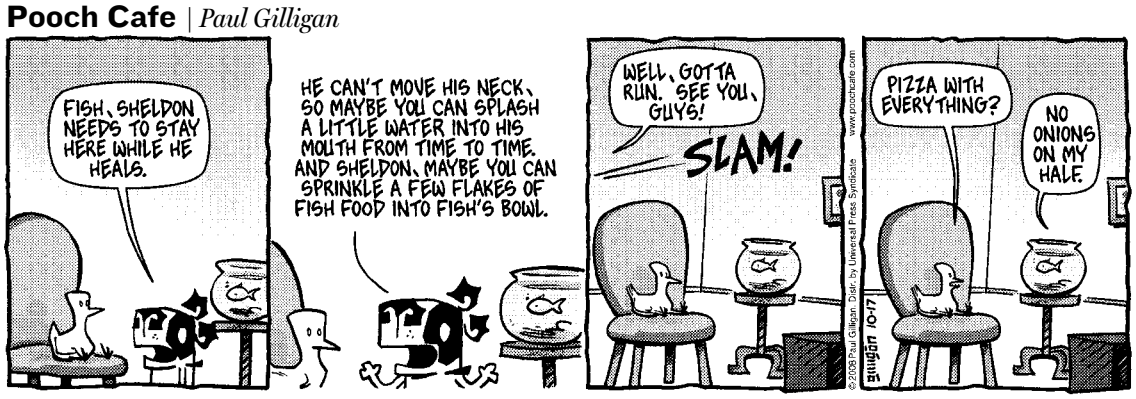
Bizarro | *Dan Piraro*

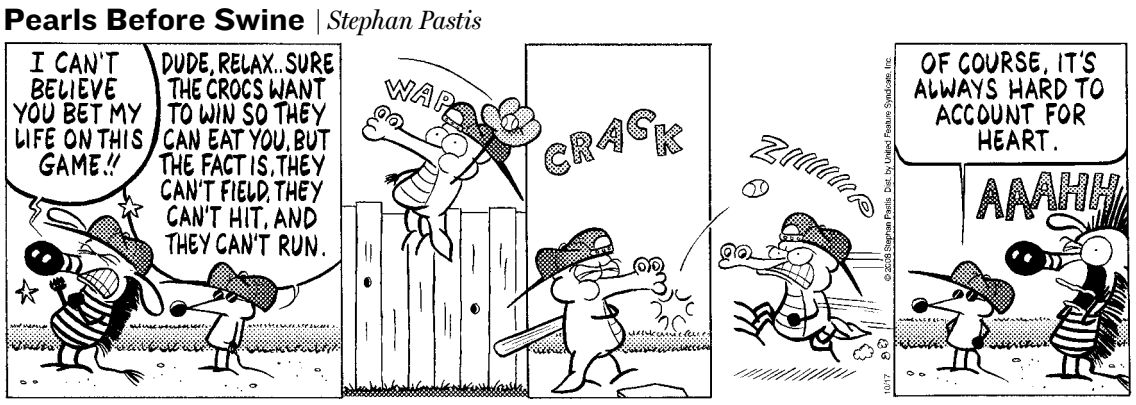
Cornered | *Mike Baldwin*

"How does it change you? Well, for starters, I discovered I had the strength to dig my way out with my bare hands."

Pooch Cafe | *Paul Gilligan*



Pearls Before Swine | *Stephan Pastis*



The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*

Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You're not one to take things too seriously, and you're not about to tolerate those who insist that you take on a sober demeanor.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Capricorn natives are most likely to express surprise or dissatisfaction as a result of your words or actions. Increase communication.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Take advantage of your personal standing. Certain privileges should be open to you and you alone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You are intent on satisfying your own needs; don't let your current selfishness become too aggressive or transparent.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Don't begin intruding on others. You'll know when it is appropriate to make that call or drop in for a visit.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You'll enjoy an opportunity to express yourself in ways you have only imagined in the past. Numerous doors are opening up for you at this time.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You're wanting everyone around you to give you all the answers — but you should be perfectly able to come up with several for yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Spend time out of doors, and you'll realize there's more in store for you in the coming days and weeks than you had remembered.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The time has come for you to stop making excuses and begin making amends. Others are depending on you for more than you are currently providing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You are likely to attract considerable attention. Strength and stamina are reaching a peak. You can take on more responsibility.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may be unusually defensive, even a little paranoid. Don't fire up the opposition unintentionally at this time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't let secondary or peripheral activities sap your strength or erode your enthusiasm for those bigger things you have in store.

AP

The Cypress Freeway collapsed in an earthquake in California on this day in 1989.

Today in History

1931 Mobster Al Capone is convicted of income tax evasion and sentenced to 11 years in prison.

1958 The special "An Evening With Fred Astaire," the first major TV program produced on color videotape, airs on NBC.

1973 Arab oil-producing nations announce they would begin cutting back oil exports to Western nations and Japan; the result is a total embargo that lasted until March 1974.

1978 President Carter signs a bill restoring U.S. citizenship to Confederate President Jefferson Davis.

1989 An earthquake measuring 7.1 on the Richter scale strikes Northern California, killing 63 people and causing $6 billion in damage.

2007 President Bush, raising Beijing's ire, presents the Dalai Lama with the Congressional Gold Medal and urges Chinese leaders to welcome the monk to Beijing.

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Look out People

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Brad Paisley and his wife, someone.

CAREERS

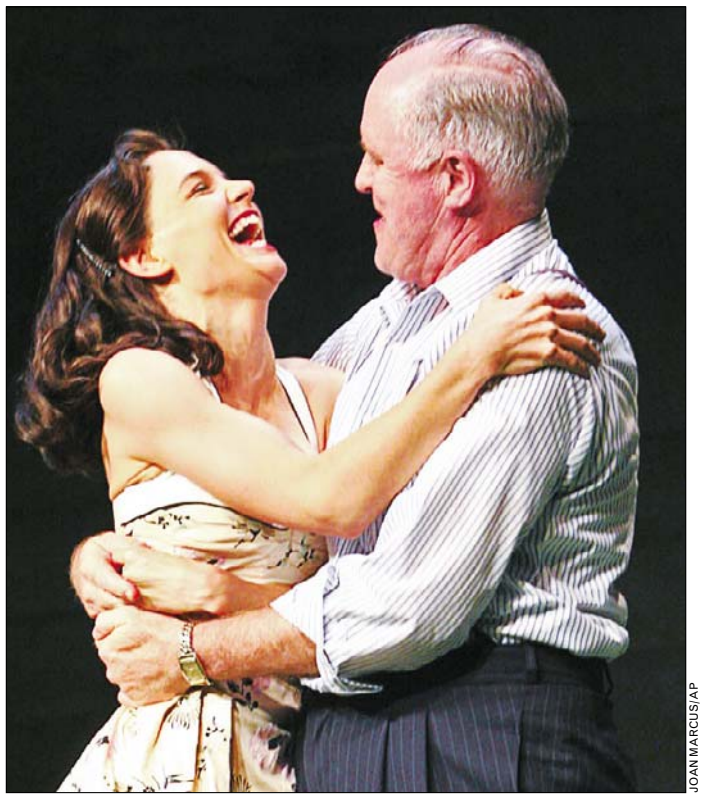
Woman Called 'Actress' Only Out of Politeness

A publicist for **BRAD PAISLEY** says Paisley and his wife, actress, **KIMBERLY WILLIAMS-PAISLEY**, 37, are expecting their second child. The couple's first child, a boy, was born in February 2007 and is named Huck for Mark Twain's character. The baby is due in April. (AP)

SAD

Former Star and His Son Struggle to Stay Famous

RYAN O'NEAL, 67, and his son, Redmond, 23, were charged Wednesday with possession of methamphetamine. Both face felony drug possession charges. (AP)



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ACTING

Unholy Embrace

KATIE HOLMES (above, with John Lithgow) officially debuted on Broadway Thursday night in "All My Sons." Her show at the Gerald Schoenfeld Theatre has already proven a huge draw. In its first full week of eight preview performances, it was the highest-grossing play on Broadway, with a haul of $684,002 from playing at nearly 98 percent capacity at the 1,052-seat theater. (AP)

COURT

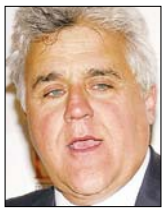
Recession Worsens as Spears Trial Decimates Work Force

People from all walks of life get to judge Britney.

A jury was seated Thursday morning in **BRITNEY SPEARS**' misdemeanor driving-without-a-license trial. The mostly-female jury includes a schoolteacher and others who work in a variety of industries, including banking, insurance and health care. Some prospective jurors were disqualified when they expressed strong feelings against Spears and the paparazzi. The prosecution rested its case after calling only one witness and entering one document as evidence. (AP)

HOBBIES

Collecting Antique Cars: So Manly It's Feminine

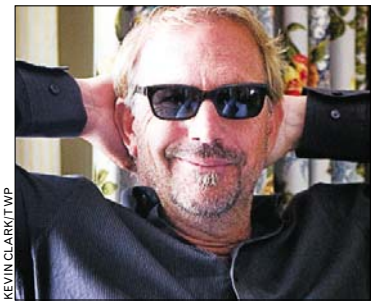


The estate of Macy's heir John W. Straus says in a lawsuit that **JAY LENO** was illegally sold a valuable automobile at a sham auction. The lawsuit was filed Tuesday in Manhattan. It says a 1931 Duesenberg was sold to Leno at an auction designed to take that car and a 1930 Rolls Royce while Straus was ill. Leno, an avid car collector, bought the Duesenberg; another person the Rolls. (AP)

PROPAGATION

Evolutionarily Successful Male Assures Gene Variance

KEVIN COSTNER and wife Christine Baumgartner are expecting a second child, media sources reported. Costner, 53, and Baumgartner, 34, also have a 1-year-old son, Cayden Wyatt Costner, born in May 2007. Costner has four other children from prior relationships. (EXPRESS)



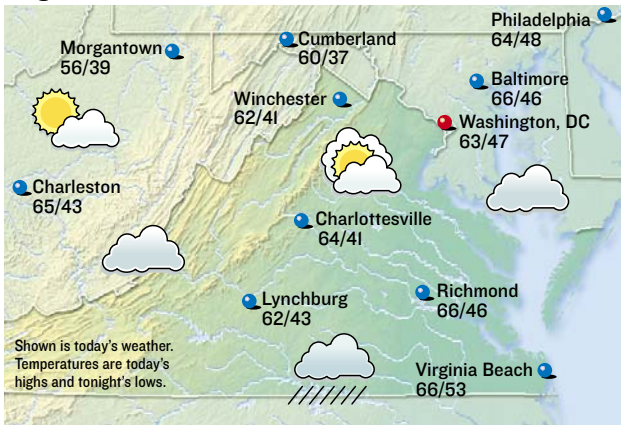
KEVIN CLARK/TWP

Yeah, I sow my genes. Yeah. Hard core.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Partly sunny, cooler	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Sunny	Mostly sunny	Partly sunny, a shower possible
63°	47°	62° / 45°	64° / 47°	68° / 49°	64° / 45°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.

Temperature

High	82°
Low	64°
Normal high	68°
Normal low	49°
Average humidity	69%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	Trace
Month to date	0.04"
Normal month to date	1.72"
Year to date	40.00"
Last year to date	21.64"
Normal year to date	31.88"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: **washingtonpost.com/weather**

Regional Forecast

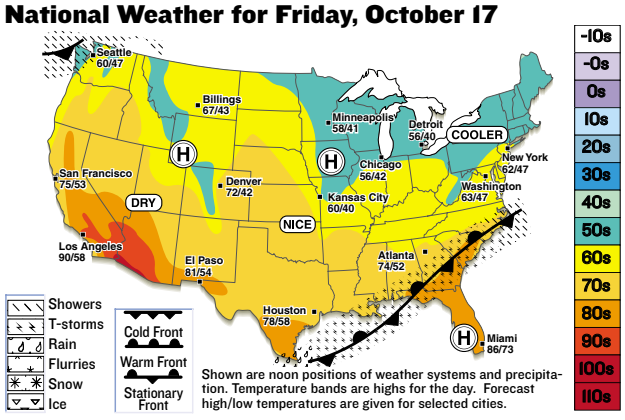
D.C. Metro: Today, partly sunny, cooler. High 63. Wind north 7-14 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 47. Wind north-northeast 6-12 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	7:20 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:26 p.m.
Moonrise today	8:10 p.m.
Moonset today	10:49 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
Oct 21	Oct 28	Nov 5	Nov 13

National Weather for Friday, October 17



National Cities

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Boston	58/43/s	56/41/pc
Chicago	56/42/c	60/43/s
Dallas	74/53/s	77/52/s
Denver	72/42/s	77/42/s
Honolulu	86/73/pc	86/73/pc
Los Angeles	90/58/s	80/58/pc
Miami	86/73/s	86/72/pc
New York City	62/47/s	61/45/pc
Orlando	88/64/s	86/64/pc
Seattle	60/47/r	58/43/pc

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	55/49/pc	57/48/c
Athens	78/66/pc	77/66/t
Berlin	48/36/sh	46/38/c
Buenos Aires	72/54/s	75/57/s
Calgary	61/36/pc	44/29/sh
Dublin	54/45/pc	55/48/sh
Geneva	59/43/pc	61/43/pc
Moscow	54/45/r	48/39/sh
Rome	74/58/sh	72/55/pc
Sydney	77/54/s	79/59/s
Tokyo	72/61/pc	72/63/pc

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Puzzles | Look out

CROSSWORD | MOTION SICKNESS

ACROSS
1 Starch source, informally
5 Spend the night
9 Eagle's descent
14 Five-star
15 True north spot
16 Eyelashes
17 Is all motion with no progress
20 Voodoo doctor's doing
21 Actions on heartstrings
22 Cast iron and bronze
23 Source of low pitches?
24 Like champion racehorses
25 Take, as a position
28 Result of a peen to the bean
29 Anita Brookner's "Hotel du ___"
32 Happy sound
33 Mantra assigner
34 Kibbutz dance
35 Creates a sale, in a way
38 Light blue ghost in Pac-Man
39 Be fond of
40 Related on the mother's side
41 "L.A. Law" co-star
42 Size- challenged and then some
43 Ed or Ed Jr. of Tinseltown
44 Drinking bouts
45 Went headlong
46 Waylay
49 Sunblock container
50 Culinary general?
53 Emphatically refuses, in a way
56 Cause rhapsody
57 Abbr. in a library catalog
58 Sloping type (Abbr.)
59 Finish in the top three, in the Olympics
60 Creative inspiration
61 Deprive of

DOWN
1 French door component
2 Bishop of Rome
3 Alternative to Windows
4 Code for the Mile High City's airport
5 Other half, so to speak
6 Hot dog picker-upper
7 They're served in pint-sized glasses
8 Intercom response
9 Carry with effort
10 Brandish
11 Breakfast smear
12 Unctuous
13 React to a weak hand
18 Pen pal's purchase
19 Pre-exercise exercise
23 Strapping
24 TV detective played by Gene Barry
25 Sharp on the tongue
26 Excelled
27 Lustrous or satinlike
28 Like a rabbit's foot, supposedly
29 Indigenous
30 Ridge produced by glaciation
31 Celebrated engineer Jones
33 Items in a stock record, hopefully
34 Depend (on)
36 Orchard problem
37 Bullock's co-star in "Speed"
42 Hanging ornament
43 Not field cleanly
44 Undemocratic government
45 Creator of the count of Monte Cristo
46 "Up and ___!"
47 Drug carrier
48 Slender fastener
49 Tarlatan garment
50 Board at the track
51 Pen that swims
52 Word before a discounted price, perhaps
54 Haw partner
55 Accomplished

Yesterday's Solution

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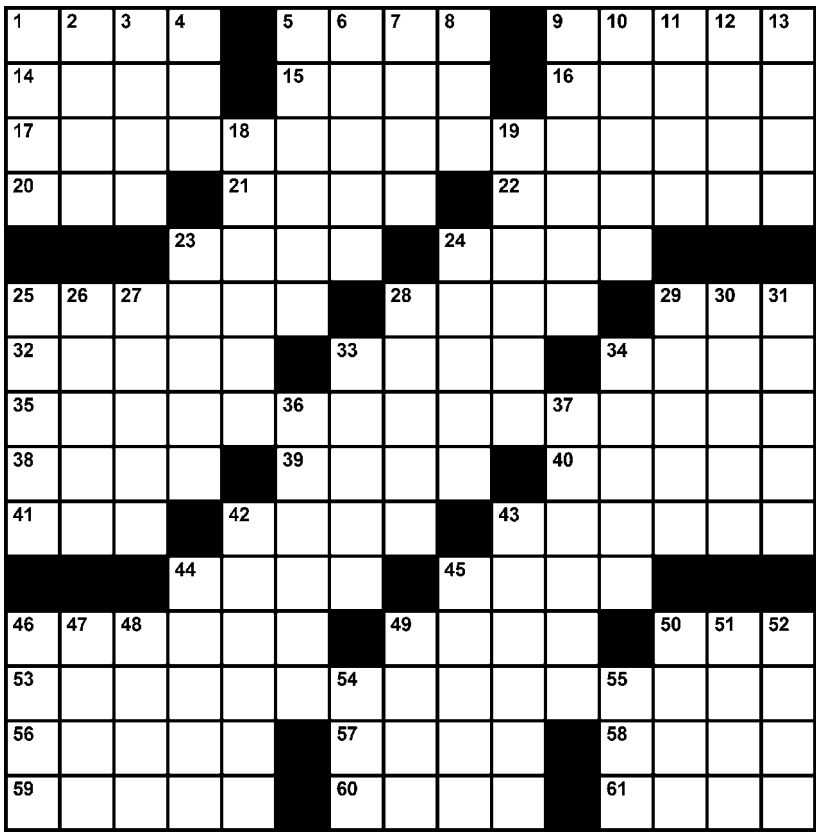

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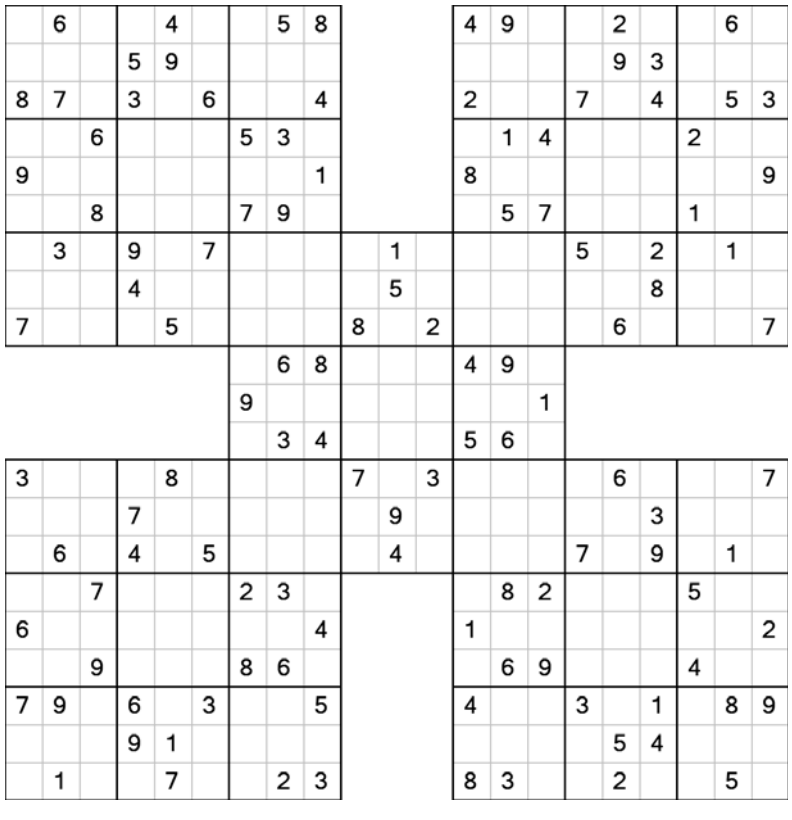
SAMURAI SUDOKU | HARD

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.



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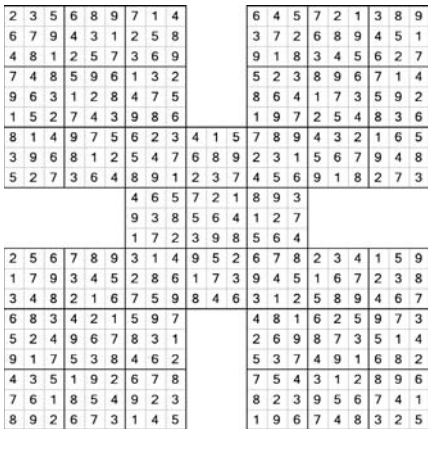
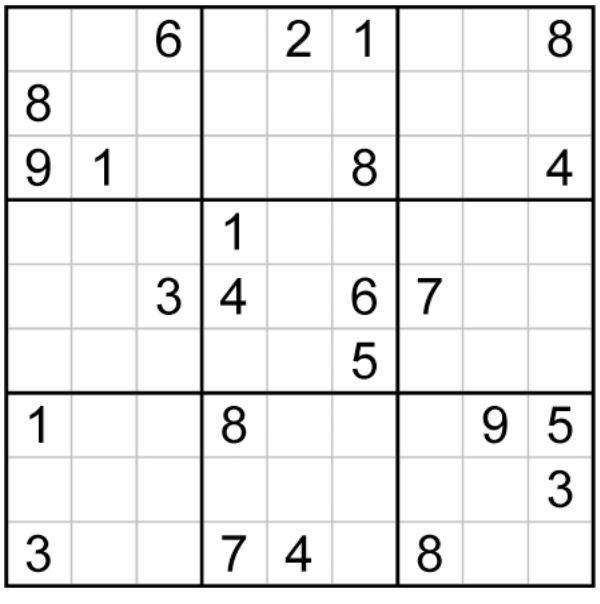
Last Week's Solution



CLASSIC SUDOKU | HARD



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Yesterday's Solution

9	7	3	8	4	6	2	1	5
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8	6	1	2	7	5	4	3	9
6	9	7	4	5	8	3	2	1
1	2	8	6	3	7	9	5	4
3	5	4	9	2	1	8	7	6
7	8	9	5	6	2	1	4	3
4	3	6	7	1	9	5	8	2
5	1	2	3	8	4	6	9	7

Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

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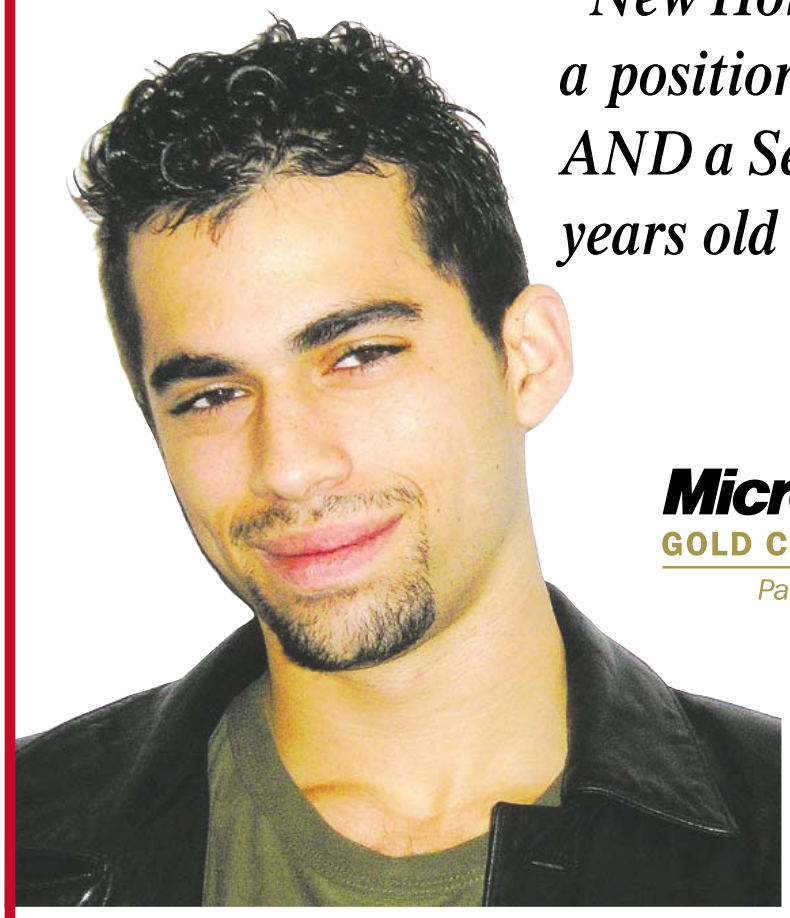

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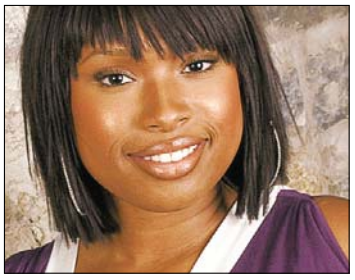

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'Secret Life' star Jennifer Hudson loves flats, bling | 2

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Jennifer Hudson

ACTRESS, SINGER, JOGGER, ASPIRING CHEF

The buzz about "The Secret Life of Bees" (opening today) is that Jennifer Hudson can shine on-screen even when she isn't belting out a tune. She plays a woman who's beaten and arrested for trying to register to vote, but escapes (with Dakota Fanning's character) to a happy home with beekeepers. In reality, Hudson's life is even sweeter — her first album was just released and she recently got engaged.

This movie takes place during the civil rights era, and here you are in 2008, singing the national anthem at the Democratic National Convention.
That was my biggest moment to date — being a part of the nation's history. I didn't want to be overwhelmed by tears onstage. By the time I got to the event, I couldn't even worry about that, because no one told me that the air is very thin in Denver. I got lightheaded and dizzy, so I was just hoping I wouldn't pass out.

I'm guessing with this cast, it was a pretty musical shoot, huh?
Oh, my God! There was more music on that set than [on] "Dreamgirls." We would just start humming, and everyone walked around with a song in their head. We said, "If we're not careful, this is going to turn into a musical."

Speaking of music, how psyched are you for your first album?
The time is finally here! It's what I've worked toward since I was 7 years old. It's a huge range of genres — pop to R&B and even gospel. There's a great balance because I want to make sure everyone has something they like.

Are you now a full-fledged diva?
I'm still going through my grooming. For "Dreamgirls," [director] Bill Condon would tell me, "You're too nice. You need to yell and scream." I don't do that, but I am very sassy.

Like your co-star Queen Latifah, you're larger than most Hollywood ladies. How do you handle that?
To me, curvy is beautiful. I prefer to be this way.

Any diva shopping advice?
When I started, I didn't know anything about fashion, and now that's all I know. I love to shop. I don't party a lot, but that's how you get me to go to an event. What am I wearing? Who am I wearing?

Any favorite recent acquisitions?
Well, I'm starting to fall in love with diamonds. I want a diamond bracelet to match my new engagement ring.

Any wedding planning yet?
It's so new, and it was such a surprise, so, no. Neither one of us has been engaged, so we're asking each other, "How do we do this? Where do we start?" I just know I want it to be huge. I want to look back when I'm 80 and have people say, "Remember Jennifer's wedding?"

Are you going to sing?
Of course. Actually, the song on my album "Giving Myself Over to You," everyone said it was going to be the wedding song. I just didn't realize I'd be singing it at my own wedding.

You two live in Chicago, right?
Yes, I bought a duplex condo, but I'm never there. I don't have any furniture. It's just full of all of my awards. And it has the world's best view.

In the movie, you're quite the cook. How about in real life?
Not at all. When I started dating my fiance, I wanted to feed him, so I'm more interested in learning how to cook. I just have to get started. My favorite dish is stuffed salmon because it comes prepared. All I do is throw it in the oven.

> "I don't party a lot, but that's how you get me to an event. What am I wearing?"

How do you keep it all together?
One step and one day at a time. I love to run. Jogging is like therapy. And I play my new piano. I can only play a little bit, but I peck away. I spend most of my free time with my fiance — we ride bikes, skate, kids stuff. For my birthday, we had a skating party.

Is it true you hate to wear heels?
I have flats on right now. At the "Sex in the City" premiere, I had to wear the highest heels, and my feet literally went numb. I couldn't believe it, but I had to take my shoes off on the red carpet.

How would you describe your look?
I'm chic, simple, classy. I don't like to be in your face.

Except with your diamonds?
My ring, to me, looks like a crown, and it reminds me of David. He's such a gentleman. He asked my mom for her blessing before he proposed. And she clearly OK'd it.

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1 I'll Be Steeping You

SOME BATH BOMBS turn your tub water an alarming blood-red color, creating a "Saw XII: The Bubbling" vibe no one enjoys (and leaving a rather horrifying ring around the drain). It's far better, in this spooky season, to plop a bloodshot eyeball fizzy ($4.75 each, RCKNDY, 1515 U St. NW; 202-332-5639) into your soaking spot. Sure, the scents — chocolate, orange, cotton candy — don't seem very creep-tastic. But did you really want to plunge into Eau de Rotting Corpse?

2 Jack be Pickled

PUMPKIN BEER. Pumpkin pie. Pumpkin butter. We thought we'd tasted the fall gourd prepared every possible way. That is, until a jar of Nordisk Pickled Pumpkins ($8, Whole Foods) sprouted on our desk. The Danish delicacy (really, who knew?) turns out to be chunks of squash doused in ginger, vinegar, dill seeds and sugar. Their sweet-sour tang would perk up pork or jerk chicken, though they're worth carving into by their lonesome, too.

Grab Bag

5 Tied to One Place

IF YOU LIVE IN Chinatown, you could show neighborhood pride by learning Mandarin. But it'd be easier (and perhaps prettier) to put on one of Moojoo Ken's new zone-specific silk scarves ($55, 1512 U St. NW; 202-234-3140). The C-town square boasts beige rope printed on a field of purple; other designs include a black and red abstract representing Penn Quarter.

4 Tool (Not Jewel) Box

MANLY MAN — he no wear jewelry! Pearls, diamonds and nuggety gold, they are for the pretty, pretty ladies, not his macho self! Still, Wrath Arcane's stainless or powder-coated steel necklaces ($78, Redeem, 1734 14th St. NW; 202-332-7447) — which come in styles such as hammers, saws, keys and pliers — might even tempt Clint Eastwood to bling up. Technically, these babies are unisex, so tough chicks can tool around, too.

3 The Holland Lines

BLOCKY, COLORFUL wooden chairs (by Rietveld, shown), an ingenius end table that folds down from the wall and other stellar Dutch-made pieces of furniture headline at the "Iconic Finds Holland" exhibit Oct. 16-30 in Georgetown. In a showroom at 3334 Cadys Alley, designs spanning the past 100 years demonstrate the hip, geometric shapes and tulip-bright palette used by star Scandinavian firms such as Gispen, Montis and Artifort.

dear manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOEBLOGGER

Our new CEO has an interest in yachting, and my co-workers have started wearing boat shoes as a result, although I don't know which ones are merely fashion and which ones are functional. Obviously, if I show up wearing a pair of non-functional boat shoes, I'm less likely to be picked for a weekend outing. What would you recommend?

— JEN

■ Manolo says, the CEO with the interest in yachting? The Manolo immediately imagines Thurston Howell III, sprung to life, complete with the ascot, captain's hat and Locust Valley Lockjaw.

It is either that or the Ted Turner model yachtsman, of the rich yahoo drunkenly micturating off the back of the boat.

In either case, the popular conception of the wealthy boater is not flattering, and yet, it is fondly regarded when compared to the current image of the corporate CEO, securely lodged upon his piles of golden loot.

And thus, while the Manolo understands the practical necessity of conforming to the corporate culture, he wonders if this desire to be with the crowd is fully justified.

Would the reasonable CEO not respect the worker who was her own person, more interested in, say, polo than yachting?

The best practical boating shoe? The Sperry Topsider, the Authentic Original model ($69, Zappos.com) in navy. That says it all, no?

Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

high and mighty comfortable

Do heels have to feel like hell? We asked the pros and tested sexy-yet-cushy styles

The Italian stilettos made you feel like Cinderella when you snapped them up at Saks. But now that you're standing at a party/schlepping to work/riding the Metro, your lower back feels like someone lobbed a Jimmy Choo spike heel into it, and you're cursing the drill-like pain coming from where your big toes used to be.

"High heels can cause problems," says Silver Spring podiatrist Alison Garten. "If you're wearing them higher than 2 inches, you could develop ankle problems, like sprains. With pointy toes, my patients come in with corns and bunions."

Sure, celebs such as Sarah Jessica Parker claim that teetering in Manolos is as comfy as waltzing in house slippers. But they must be high on leather-protection spray, and they take limos everywhere anyhow. So, what's a girl to do if she wants to don heels and not feel like heck? Try so-called comfort brands. Think Taryn Rose pumps — designed by a former orthopedic surgeon who ached for haute-yet-wearable shoes — which boast elevation almost as impressive as their cushioning. Cole Haan, too, recently added women's dress shoes (peep toes, killer wedges) to its Nike Air line.

We decided to put these sort of "walking-on-air" brands to the test. So, we took four pairs of their 3-inch or higher heels for a long walk. The rules: Wear each duo for eight hours, and then evaluate how we feel after standing, running errands or moseying across the newsroom.

Thankfully, we had more cushy styles to choose from than Aunt Mildred did when she bought those horrible, buckled "church shoes." "Fashion and wearability have started to synergize," says Eric Eden, co-owner of Hu's Shoes (3005 M St. NW; 202-342-0202). "Customers want heels that don't get caught in grates and get them from point A to point B." At Hu's, that might mean Chie Mihara's chunky-heeled Mary Janes ($353) that'll make you 3 inches taller and, thanks to a padded foot bed, quite comfy.

In her Dupont Circle shop, Betsy Fisher (1224 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-785-1975) stocks "normal" brands (Glory Chen, Dionella) that are foot-friendly yet cute. "I've seen a huge difference in the past few years, with companies making things that hit your feet well," she says.

Indeed, feats of engineering enable many pairs to be both hip and road-ready. "Anytime the pitch of the heel is greater than 2¼ inches, you have five times your body weight held up by the ball of your foot," says local shoe designer Jeanne Jarvaise, which is why her line of pumps, boots and flats combine clever, cushy elements (platforms with the sort of shock-absorbing padding you'd expect in your Adidas) with styling that screams catwalk, not the Walking Store.

How do companies turn shoes from punishing to pretty? First, they trim the heel height from skyscraper-high to moderate, since those 4 ¼-inch stilettos will just throw you off balance and cause pain. "Ideally, you want a height of less than 2 inches," says Garten. OK, that might look a tad grandmotherly. But a fat heel and a cushioned platform at the shoe's front mean you can go to 3 or sometimes 4 inches.

It also helps when manufacturers create a last (the model on which a shoe design is based) that gives you a balanced pitch between the heel and the ball of your foot. (That means no more of that walking-on-glass stagger that towering styles sometimes cause.) But one last doesn't fit all. "Try on multiple brands," says Eden. "A brand that's right one season might not work the next."

Other keys to making dressy kicks almost as agreeable as Chucks? Buy 'em in soft, breathable materials (usually leather), which will help prevent blisters. "Women think they can break in shoes, but they can't," says Garten. Just like a certain fairy tale character's stepsisters who couldn't squeeze their feet into a too-small glass slipper, you're never going to make those on-sale, half-a-size-too-tiny Kenneth Coles fit just by stomping around in them for a couple hours.

Pointy toes? Yeah, they're back in style, but save them for stepping out somewhere you don't have to, um, step much. "You need room for your piggies," says Jarvaise. Round or square toes give more wiggle room, and therefore don't add up to what Jarvaise calls, "the three B's: burning in the ball of your foot, blisters and back pain."

Still, even with lots of sleek-yet-strollable footwear on the market, there may be occasions, bunions be damned, you'll want to don the sort of footwear Steve Martin once dubbed cruel shoes: model-tall creations engineered more for beauty than function. "Sometimes you just need sexy shoes," says Fisher. But in that case, says Hu's Eden, "maybe you just wear those stilettos to a special event and keep a pair of flats in your purse." JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

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ROAD TEST

We tried four pairs of shoes from brands known for comfort and chic. After wearing each for eight hours, we evaluated them based on how they felt and the "whistle factor" — were they hot shoes?

GREY SUEDE

Stats: Aerosoles ($89, Aerosoles.com)
Heel: 3 inches
Positives: With their vampy Victorian shape and stabilizing laces, these suede babies were soft, springy and probably the most comfortable, if not lust-inspiring, style we tried.
Drawbacks: That springy sole wasn't that thick, so we could feel stones and gravel as we strolled outside.
Whistle factor: Fair. Men hated this style, but a fellow style writer mistook them for expensive Chie Miharas.

BLACK SUEDE WITH BUCKLE

Stats: Jeanne Jarvaise ($565, Zelaya, 4940 St. Elmo Ave., Bethesda; 301-656-8550)
Heel: 4 inches with a concealed platform
Positives: This suede, buckled beauty looked like styles we'd seen models literally trip down the runway in. But a cunning balance between the padded platform front (which felt remarkably like a running shoe) and the heel made these nearly as cushy as sneakers.
Drawbacks: Since these darlings lifted us up nearly 4 inches, they took a bit of practice to walk in.
Whistle factor: High. A friend assumed we got them in Paris!

RED SUEDE

Stats: Cole Haan Nike Air ($275, Colehaan.com)
Heel: 3 ¼ inches with a concealed platform
Positives: Vampy wine suede peep-toes say Elizabeth Hurley, not Queen Elizabeth. The padded, Nike front meant the skinny heel felt much lower than it was. We forgot we were standing in heels at a long party.
Drawbacks: At nearly $300 a pop, we can't afford them in every color.
Whistle factor: High, in a slightly conservative way. Our normally shoe-immune husband said, "Nice!"

BROWN METALLIC

Stats: Terra Plana ($175, Terraplana.com)
Heel: 3 ¼ inches
Positives: These metallic pumps — from a company known for eco- and tootsie-friendly merchandise — boasted a springy heel and cushioned foot bed, meaning they were much comfier than similar styles we had at home.
Drawbacks: Since TP sells only in whole sizes, the 8 we got was slightly too small, and the 9 was too big. A day tromping around in the 8's pinched our toes.
Whistle factor: Medium. The veggie-tanned leather rocked a bronzy hue, but the rubber padding on the ball reminded us of "Blade Runner" in a bad way.

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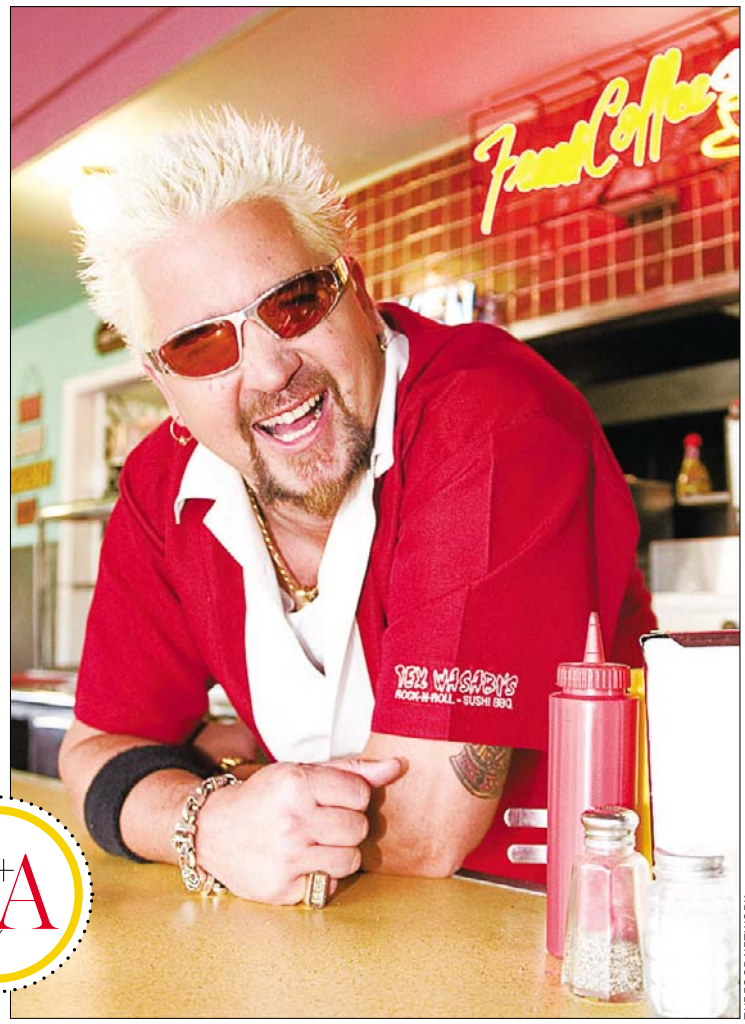
Of Diners and Dye

TV chef Guy Fieri chats about his road food book and hair secrets



THE FOOD NETWORK

In 2006, Guy Fieri won the big prize on "The Next Food Network Star," thanks to his passionate style and penchant for whipping up spicy cuisine. Two years later, he's captaining his own brand, with a trio of Food Network shows including "Guy's Big Bite" and "Guy Off the Hook." The California-casual chef — who has all the subtlety (and the enormous appetite) of a polar bear — also just came out with his first book, "Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives" ($19.95, William Morrow Cookbooks). We caught up with the tattooed, not-so-naturally blond showman about his full plate of projects.

Q+A

You book comes across like an anti-Zagat Survey. How do you find these off-the-map restaurants?
When we first started out, we were just driving around and doing it. Now people nominate their favorites in e-mails by the thousands. You can't imagine how long it takes to go through my inbox.

What is the mark of a great roadside kitchen?
It all comes down to the food. It doesn't have to be four-star, but if they are making mac and cheese, it had better be dynamite.

Some things just taste better eaten in a car. What do you like to eat on the road?
I'm not a big eater in the car. I have two little kids, and they make enough of a mess. That said, one of my favorite places is called the Bar-B-Q-King in Charlotte, N.C. I can park and eat barbecue in the flatbed of my truck all afternoon.

Of the 60 picks in the new book, the closest one to D.C. is the Virginia Diner in Wakefield, Va. Why should I drive 163 miles for a taste?
If someplace has that kind of history, it's a lure. The peanut pie is awesome, as are the collard greens and the thinly sliced ham on homemade biscuits.

Three TV shows and a new book; that schedule must be rough on a blond. How do you maintain your color?
The funny thing about having platinum hair is that people all over the country come up to me all the time saying, "I'd love to do your hair." So, I have someone who touches it up in Chicago, someone in New York and two in California.

Which product do you use?
I use J Beverly Hills Clear Wax. I was in an airport, and a woman just walked up and gave me some. It's the best stuff in the world.

You do have a signature look. Did I spot you on "Saturday Night Live" when Michael Phelps hosted?
Yes! Front row! I've been the biggest fan of "SNL" since the days of [John] Belushi. In the next two years, I'd love to host.

We can't see your feet on TV, but I heard a rumor you own 20 pairs of the same shoe.
Yep, it's true. Globe skateboard shoes. I have them in every color.

On both "Guy's Big Bite" and "Guy Off the Hook," you clean up as you cook. Who cleans at your house?
At home, when I cook, I clean up my space and put scraps in the compost. But when it comes to the dishwasher, I'm not allowed to touch it. My wife has a system and will only allow about four people in the world to load and unload. And I'm not one of them. My friend Possum is the only one of the guys who can.

One last thing, Guy: Is there any food that's better than bacon?
No. I think bacon's really about it.

KATE GIBBS (EXPRESS)

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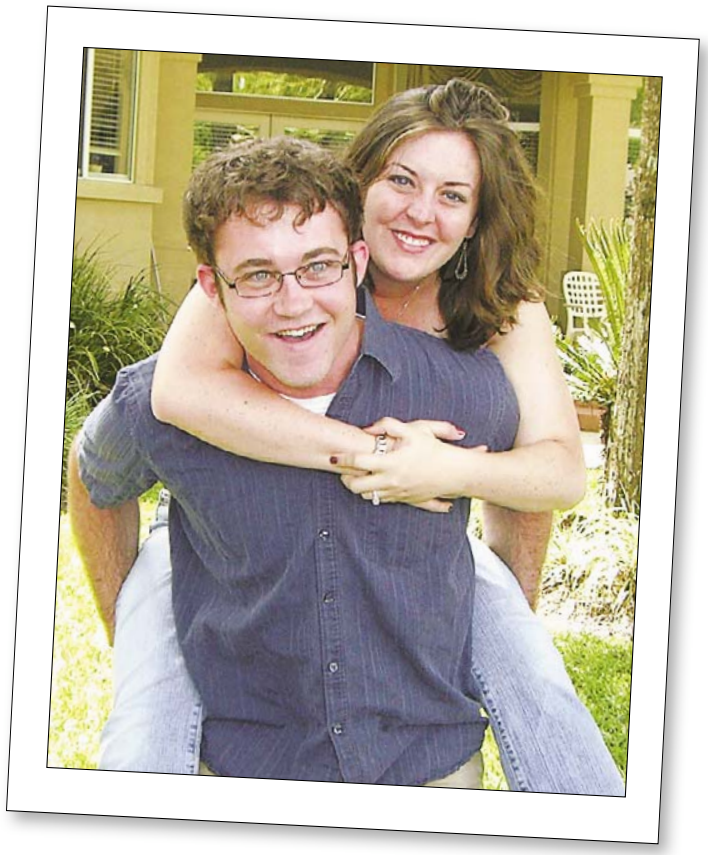
BY INVITATION ONLY: UPCOMING WEDDINGS & UNIONS

Simon Santos, Chrisalyn Smith

Simon, 31, is an entrepreneur. Chrisalyn, 28, is a writer. They live in Beltsville, Md.

■ **The Main Event:** A semiformal Catholic ceremony in Beltsville followed by a reception on Oct. 25.
■ **Honeymoon:** "Last year we went to New Orleans," says Chrisalyn. "We fell in love with the area and each other. So, we're going back."
■ **How They Met:** Online.
■ **First Impression:** Chrisalyn recalls thinking, "'Gee, I could have worn jeans,'" she says. "He was wearing sweat pants."
■ **First Date:** They met for drinks at the Bennigan's in Greenbelt.
■ **How He Proposed:** While vacationing in Manhattan, Simon surprised Chrisalyn by popping the question in their hotel room. "My intention was not to propose while in New York, because that is so typical," he says. "But the mood struck me, so I did it. She was so shocked she fell on the floor. I thought ,'Man, I should have proposed in Maryland.'"
■ **Stupidest Fight:** "I called Alec Baldwin a bad person for calling his daughter a pig and using foul language with her. Simon reminded me that we all lose it sometimes."
■ **Mmm, Cake:** They'll serve a three-layer tres leches sponge cake.
■ **When He Knew:** "I could not get her out of my mind for over a month and a half."

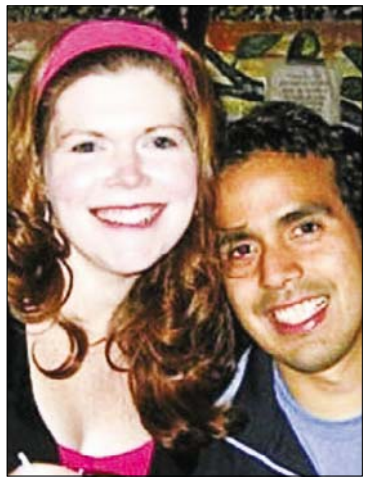
"I'm not getting married again. I've met my life mate," says Simon.



A Microwaved Match

Some relationships begin with fire and passion. For **VALARIE CRIBB**, it was definitely the former: "Someone's microwave had exploded, and we were stuck outside in our PJs," she recalls. Standing outside one's dorm in sweats can be embarrassing, yet as the firemen arrived, the American University freshman met dorm mate **MICHAEL CHAPMAN**. "The next morning, I called my mom and said, 'I met a girl," he says. "'We'll see where that goes.'" Well, it went to the Tidal Basin for a paddleboat ride followed by a walk to the Reflecting Pool, where they stopped to lounge. "Unfortunately, I let Valarie sit in duck poop." Whoops. "I ended up being held over a bathroom sink at the Lincoln Memorial with moms helping get the stain out with whatever happened to be in their diaper bags," says Valarie. Not to worry: When Michael popped the question on a beach at sunset in Jacksonville, Fla., she said yes. They will wed Oct. 19 in Tampa.

Michael, 23, is a membership specialist. Valarie, 23, is an executive assistant. They live in Alexandria. KRIS CORONADO (EXPRESS)



Bridgett Bobowiec, Sergio Fuentes

Bridgett, 27, is a biologist. Sergio, 29, is an IT programmer. They live in College Park.

■ **The Main Event:** A semiformal ceremony and reception in D.C. on Oct. 25.
■ **How They Met:** On the 2003 Nightmare on M Street Halloween pub crawl in Georgetown.
■ **First Impressions:** "I didn't think he was interested in more than seeing some indie flicks. I gave him my number, but he never called." "She kind of blew off our conversation. I was hoping to talk more. Two years later, we reconnected, and I did call her this time."
■ **First Date:** Lunch at Cosi.
■ **How He Proposed:** After a day of wine tasting in the Shenandoah Valley, Sergio popped the question when they returned to their bed and breakfast. "I was already suspicious because Sergio was doing all of these errands before we left. He insisted on getting his hair cut." It turns out he was picking up the ring.
■ **Stupidest Fight:** "She thought I was outside playing with my car stereo for 30 minutes while she cooked. She had been hearing a neighbor's music. I came home with flowers, wine and groceries."
■ **When She Knew:** "Early on. It didn't matter what we did — going out with friends or staying in. We always had fun."

"Very early on ... I knew I wanted to be with her through good times and bad."

Erin Jones, William Lorenc

Erin, 26, works for the State Department. Willie, 27, is a computer programmer. They live in Fairfax.

■ **The Main Event:** A Catholic ceremony in Clifton, Va., on Oct. 18. A semiformal reception will follow in Fairfax.
■ **How They Met:** "We are both volunteer firefighters for Fairfax County," says Erin. "We happened to be placed in the same EMT class." Now both volunteer together in Vienna.
■ **First Date:** Dinner at Rio Grande in Fairfax.
■ **How He Proposed:** While dining at Ruth's Chris. "I had the ring in my pocket and sent a text message to her phone," says Willie. "After we ate, I asked her to get out her phone so we could use the tip calculator. When she turned on her phone, she was surprised to see the text message asking her to marry me."

■ **Most Hated Clothing Item:** "I have wanted a pair of duct-taped sandals to disappear ever since we met," says Erin. "Somehow, they recently did."
■ **Making It Unique:** "All of the table names will be after mountains that we hiked together when we hiked the Appalachian Trail," says Erin. "We'll also put facts about each mountain on the tables for people to read."
■ **Celebrating Heritage:** To incorporate Willie's Polish roots, "we learned how to polka," he says. "Hopefully, we won't make fools out of ourselves."
■ **When She Knew:** "When we decided to hike the Appalachian Trail together, I had a good feeling about our relationship. Five months later, when we finished hiking over 2,000 miles, I knew we were meant to be together."

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